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## CELEBRATED SIBLINGS



COLIN ROWE

The Royal Canadian Geographical Society has recognized John Smol (left) of Queen's and his half-brother Jules Blais of the University of Ottawa for addressing issues of critical concern to Canadian society in their research.

## Brothers named Environmental Scientists of the Year

Two brothers have been recognized with one of the country's most prestigious environmental awards in recognition of the importance of their scientific work to Canadian society.

Biologists and half-brothers John Smol and Jules Blais have been named 2008 Environmental Scientists of the Year by The Royal Canadian Geographical Society, which publishes Canadian Geographic magazine.

Dr. Smol, who examines how lakes are affected by environmental change, is a professor in the Department of Biology at Queen's, with a cross-appointment at the School of Environmental Studies. He is co-director of the Paleoecological Environmental Assessment and Research Lab (PEARL) and holds the Canada Research Chair in Environmental Change. Since 1990, he has won more than 20

research awards and fellowships (including the 2004 NSERC Herzberg Canada Gold Medal as Canada's top scientist or engineer), as well as five teaching awards.

Dr. Blais is an environmental toxicologist who studies the effects of industrial pollutants on ecological systems. He co-directs the Laboratory for Natural and Synthetic Environmental Toxicants at the University of

Ottawa, and he is Director of the Ottawa-Carleton Chemical and Environmental Toxicology Program. He has received several distinctions, including the Lindeman Award by the American Society of Limnology and Oceanography for outstanding contributions by a young scientist.

"Jules Blais and John Smol are exactly the sort of scientists we look for when giving this

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## Different paths to a degree

SEASONED PERSPECTIVES HELP ENRICH THE GRADUATION EXPERIENCE, STUDENTS FIND

By KAY LANGMUIR

While most of Queen's newest crop of graduates will leave the world of classrooms for the first time this spring, other graduates have taken more unusual routes to attaining degrees.

They are the mature graduates who have returned to school after some years of working, traveling or raising families, and whose broad life experience and seasoned perspectives enrich the classroom experience.

Their stories are different, but the love of learning and self-development is the same. Some people end up back at university because their calling has come more clearly into focus. Such was the case with Hilary Davies, who originally graduated from the University of Guelph in biological sciences.

After her undergraduate studies, she taught in Korea before returning to take a Bachelor of Education at Queen's.

"When I was overseas, I realized how fortunate we are to have the air quality we have, and the space we have, and what might happen if we didn't take care of it."

Subsequent work in the public-school system did not do much to feed her burgeoning interest in environmental education. Opportunities to integrate environmental awareness into the curriculum were limited. Funds were being pulled out of the outdoor education program. And yet the public interest in the environment was growing. Ms. Davies felt drawn to the cause of public environmental education, and particularly to focusing on positive actions which can be taken to support environmental sustainability.

"So I decided to follow my heart," she says.

Last fall, she entered the first class of Queen's new Master of Environmental Studies program.

For her thesis, she worked with the Inuit in northern Labrador to document their observations on environmental change and to

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CELIA RUSSELL

Former principal Karen Hitchcock greets a long line of well wishers at a reception hosted by Chancellor Charles Baillie recognizing her achievements.

## University recognizes outgoing principal

By CELIA RUSSELL

An overflow crowd greeted former principal Karen Hitchcock at a mid-day reception to recognize her contributions and achievements at the Elspeth Baugh Fireside Room in Ban Righ Hall May 21.

Chancellor Charles Baillie and others paid tribute to Dr. Hitchcock's ability to bring significant changes to Queen's in many areas, including new research initiatives, development of the campus infrastructure, the new arts campus project, faculty renewal, attention to diversity, definition of our strategic objectives, and representation of our interests to governments and benefactors, to name but a few.

Chancellor Baillie hosted the reception, attended by numerous members of the Queen's community, including principals emeriti Ron Watts and Bill Leggett, and current principal Tom Williams. Dr. Hitchcock recently announced her decision to withdraw her request for reappointment to a second term as principal. She stepped down April 30.

Dr. Hitchcock will also be remembered for her "authenticity," her ability to focus on the individual, said Chancellor Baillie.

Vice-Principal (Academic) Patrick Deane, speaking on behalf of all the vice-principals, said that

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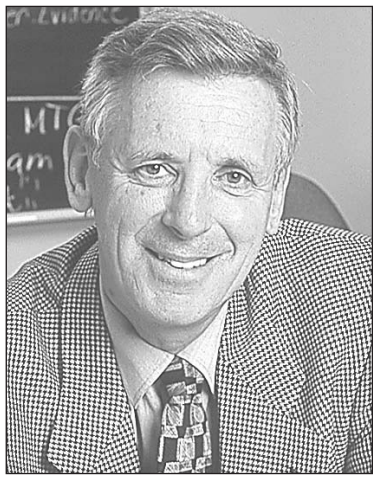
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## IN BRIEF



BERNARD CLARK  
Thomas Williams

### Williams to be installed as principal today

Thomas R. Williams will be installed as the 19th Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Queen's University at the first Spring Convocation ceremony today at 9:30 am in Grant Hall.

Dr. Williams will say his pledge of office and then four members of the Queen's community (faculty, student, staff and alumni) will robe him.

Graduands in the Faculty of Applied Science (Chemical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering) will receive their degrees at the ceremony, the first of 19 to take place over the next two weeks.

Former Dean of Applied Science Tom Harris is guest speaker.

Dr. Williams's appointment took effect May 1. He will provide leadership for the university for the next 12 to 14 months until the next principal is appointed. Dr. Karen Hitchcock announced her decision to withdraw her request for reappointment to a second term as principal last month.

For the full convocation schedule, see page 14.

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### Hitchcock

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it had been a pleasure to work with her.

"One of the great privileges of working with you is that powerful humanity that I know many people have been drawn to and responded to – your authenticity as the chancellor called it."

Dr. Deane also read a note on behalf of Vice-Principal (Research) Kerry Rowe, who was out of the country. Dr. Rowe thanked Dr. Hitchcock for her strong support of research and her leadership in creating and implementing the vision for the recently announced Innovation Park at the Kingston Novelis site.

"Your unfailing support helped us achieve some of the most successful years in research funding at Queen's and we are grateful for the opportunity that we have had to work with you," Dr. Rowe wrote.

"What a joy it is to see so many of you here today," said Dr. Hitchcock, who was visibly moved by the large numbers of faculty, staff, students, retirees and friends who crowded the wood-paneled room. "I am very proud of all that we have accomplished so far," she said, encouraging faculty, staff and students to look to the future and keep the wheels in motion and to strive for excellence.

She spoke of her hopes for the university – that the students "grow in wisdom, understanding and an awareness of the deep commitment of others to their futures. My hope for the faculty is that they not only find in Queen's a place which values and understands their particular needs as scholars and teachers, but also that they have the joy of helping to shape the future of this university ... of being a part of its legacy. My hope for the staff of Queen's is that they are fulfilled in their professional lives and that they know, and experience daily, the gratitude of those they serve so well."

She also credited her five vice-principals, saying, "I've been in higher education for a long time and, with no exception, this is the finest leadership team I have ever worked with."

In particular, Dr. Hitchcock thanked former board chair John Rae, who influenced her decision

to move with her husband, Murray Blair, to Canada and take up the position in 2004.

"Because of your vision, Queen's

is a better place," said Chancellor Baillie. "Your footprints are all over this university and your imprint will be here forever."

### Brothers

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award," says Rick Boychuk, editor of Canadian Geographic. "They are diligent, collaborative, curiosity-driven investigators who are highly respected by their peers. And they are addressing in their research issues of critical concern to Canadian society while advancing our understanding of the impact of human activity on both public and ecosystem health."

This is the third year that the society – which was founded in 1929, has more than 210,000 members and is dedicated to broadening public knowledge through research and education – has bestowed the honour. The first year, it selected David Keith, Canada Research Chair in Energy and the Environment at the University of Calgary. Last year, it chose environmental chemist Miriam Diamond from the University of Toronto. In naming the winner, the society scans widely for nominees, urging

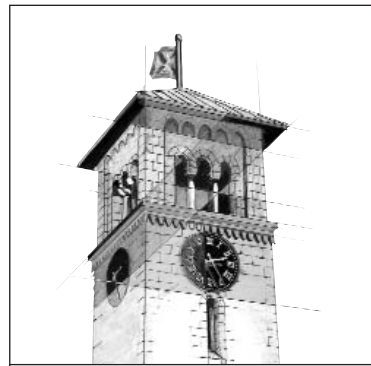
previous winners to suggest candidates and consulting scientists in industry, academia and government.

"This is clearly a great honour for John and Jules and it's wonderful to see their commitment to their research and passion about the environment recognized in this way," says Queen's Vice-Principal (Research) Kerry Rowe.

"I'm proud of the work accomplished by my distinguished colleagues," says Vice-President, Research Mona Nemer of the University of Ottawa. "Their outstanding achievements illustrate the impact of academic research on our world and our daily lives."

Drs. Smol and Blais will be profiled in Canadian Geographic's annual environmental issue, which is published in June.

**For more on Drs. Smol and Blais' research, see [Discovery@Queen's](mailto:Discovery@Queen's), page 8.**



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## June Gazette date change

The Queen's Gazette has moved up the publication date to Monday, June 9 from the original date of June 16.

The editorial submission deadline will move up to noon on Monday, June 2.

The ad artwork deadline is Wednesday, May 28.

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## Students pleased with Queen's experience: exit poll

By KAY LANGMUIR

Queen's longstanding practice of surveying graduating students, via an annual exit poll, has made it a leader in this area, says University Registrar Jo-Anne Brady.

And as the province moved last year to stipulate annual student surveys as part of accountability agreements signed by Ontario universities, Queen's was already well over a decade ahead of the times.

"I think we've been doing this more consistently than anyone else," says Ms. Brady.

"Personally, I'm delighted that Queen's administers its own exit poll...and no one told us to do it."

The university's 15th-annual exit poll is currently in the field, while 2007 results are now being analyzed.

A total of 3,819 polls were distributed via email and just over 1,900 students completed them, a response rate of 50 per cent.

Ms. Brady says the exit poll is a rigorous exercise in accountability

that has informed many administrative decisions over the years – from program reviews to facilities planning – in order to give students the best possible educational experience.

In addition to its exit poll, administered by an independent company, Queen's also participates in the National Survey of Student Engagement (NSSE), which polls students in first and fourth years. The province's accountability agreements require all Ontario universities to participate in the NSSE.

The 2007 exit poll continues to show that Queen's students are well pleased with their educational experience.

"There aren't any big changes – our students continue to reflect a strong level of satisfaction and enthusiasm for their academic experience," said Ms. Brady.

In the 2007 results, 81 per cent of students agreed or strongly agreed with the statement, "Overall, my experience as a student at

Queen's was excellent," up from 76 per cent last year.

"I think this says it was an awesome experience for them," said Ms. Brady.

**"Our students continue to reflect a strong level of satisfaction and enthusiasm for their academic experience."**

Jo-Anne Brady

Although today's students are often portrayed as having consumerist expectations and feelings of entitlement, "If they are like that, then we're delivering," she said.

Students continued to rate their learning as "intellectually stimulat-

ing" with many faculties showing improvements over the previous year's scores.

Students continue to express strong satisfaction with their instructors – for positive attitudes, accessibility outside class, and taking an active interest in student learning. But they continue to be less satisfied that instructors make an effort to check that students understand the material being taught, or that they provide helpful feedback, although both measures have increased in the past five years.

Students continue to measure, in the third quartile, Queen's contribution to writing and speaking skills, creative thinking, problem solving, leadership, ability to compete and to work well with others, self-confidence, sensitivity to ethical issues, awareness of political and social issues, appreciation of other races, cultures and religions, desire for further education and research skills.

Further down, Queen's contri-

bution to the understanding of science comes in at 50 per cent, while relatively low percentages attach to the university's contribution to the development of mathematical skills, computing skills, ability to use a foreign language, and appreciation of literature and fine arts.

Students satisfaction with services and facilities shows no change in established trends; very low satisfaction with athletic facilities, strong satisfaction with library services and facilities, small increases in satisfaction for laboratories, and slight decreases for classrooms and computing facilities.

Student's satisfaction with registration services has also declined markedly from five years ago, possibly due to frustrations related to dated technology.

Health Services also noted a decline in satisfaction levels across all faculties and schools.

[www.queensu.ca/registrar/exitpoll/index.html](http://www.queensu.ca/registrar/exitpoll/index.html)

### A MATH AND STATS MILESTONE



CELIA RUSSELL

Professor emeritus and former head of the Department of Mathematics and Statistics John Coleman cuts the cake at a reception celebrating his 90th birthday. To recognize the occasion, the department hosted a mini-conference May 20, attended by faculty, staff and former students (including one who had Dr. Coleman as a professor in 1952). Professor Coleman presented the final talk of the day, on A.N. Whitehead's theories of general relativity and how they relate to those of Einstein. He shocked his audience by announcing that he agrees with Whitehead that there is a subtle error in Einstein's 1915 paper, which makes his theory untestable. As a consequence, there is no evidence that space-time is curved.

## Senate recognizes former principal's achievements

At the May 21 meeting, Senate voted to formally recognize the achievements of Principal Karen Hitchcock, who resigned April 30 after deciding not to seek a second term.

Senator Ariel Salzman presented this motion and a second, a statement of responsibilities by search committees for appointing the next principal, which was also approved with a request that it be forwarded to the joint Board/Senate committee for consideration and adoption.

The first motion reads as follows: "In this first meeting of Senate after the resignation of the chair of this body and the principal of this university, I would like ask my colleagues to join me in recognizing Dr. Karen Hitchcock's years of dedicated service to our university. An internationally known educator and scientist, as well as the first woman and first U.S. Citizen to lead this institution of higher learning, Dr. Hitchcock encouraged an academic community steeped in local traditions to both preserve the best of the past and to move confidently toward a new century of global collaboration. In addition to her tireless efforts to overhaul the physical infrastructure of this institution for the benefit of future generations, she and her administration will be remembered for their commitment to building an academic community that fully embraces the rich diversity of com-

munities and cultures in Canada and the world. Although many of her major initiatives have not seen completion, she leaves us with the challenge of realizing a new vision of scholarship and teaching that will continue to distinguish Queen's University from its peers in this nation and abroad."

Vice-Principal (Academic) Patrick Deane read the motion to Dr. Hitchcock later that day at a public reception in her honour.

The second motion states that all members of the university community who may be involved in any way with the appointment and renewal of principals continue to scrupulously and conscientiously observe the rules of confidentiality requisite for such highly sensitive deliberations; that the rules of confidentiality which govern the deliberations of search committees be published for the benefit of the university as a whole, so that our members and the public at large, including the national press, are fully aware that we as a community do not condone and will not tolerate breaches of confidence. Such actions are injurious to those who have been, or will be, asked to serve us and tarnish the reputation of this institution and its students, faculty, staff and alumni.

For more news from the May 21 Senate meeting, see the June 9 Gazette.

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## IN BRIEF



Alexander McCall Smith

### Honorary graduand to present special lecture

Author Alexander McCall Smith, best-known for his bestseller *The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency* series, will give a public lecture on Thursday, June 5.

The lecture and book-signing will take place at Chernoff Hall Auditorium at 5:30 pm following convocation as a benefit for the Kingston Grandmothers Connection, a Kingston-based fundraising organization in support of African grandmothers raising their grandchildren orphaned by HIV/AIDS.

The Kingston Grandmother's Connection will accept donations for the Stephen Lewis Foundation Grandmother Campaign at [www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/grandmothers.htm](http://www.stephenlewisfoundation.org/grandmothers.htm)

Dr. Smith will receive his honorary LLD as part of spring convocation at Grant Hall on Thursday, June 5 at 2:30 pm.

For more information on the lecture and book signing, contact Vicky Garrah at 613-533-9303, ext. 73959 or email [garrahv@hdh.kari.net](mailto:garrahv@hdh.kari.net).

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### Reception for David Wright

University community members are invited to attend a reception for David Wright (Apartment and Housing Service), who retires June 6 after 40 years of service to Queen's.

The reception, hosted by Associate Vice-Principal and Dean of Student Affairs Jason Laker, will take place Thursday, June 5 from 4 to 6 pm at the University Club.

Mr. Wright joined Queen's in 1968 as a member of the Department of Anatomy. In 1981, he moved to Apartment and Housing Service. Over the last two years, as executive director of Housing, Mr. Wright has also provided leadership to Queen's Residences.

"The university has been well served by David's dedication to providing safe, affordable housing to students and both students and staff alike have found him to be unfailingly helpful and courteous," says Mr. Laker. "David's wealth of knowledge, steady hand and guidance will be greatly missed by students and staff."

## Questions about convocation? Click on the mortarboard

Queen's now has a special convocation website linked from Queen's home page at [www.queensu.ca](http://www.queensu.ca)

The site, developed by Marketing and Communications, is intended to allow for easier access to

key information for students, staff, faculty and guests; highlight our honorary degree recipients; and better capture the spirit of the occasion.

Here, you can find out every-

thing from where to buy tickets, where to get frames for diplomas, where to park, how special needs are accommodated, how to access convocation addresses on iTunesU and the history of pomp and cere-

mony that has been associated with convocation since the first ceremony was held at Queen's in 1847.

[www.queensu.ca/currentstudents/convocation](http://www.queensu.ca/currentstudents/convocation)

### COOL BREEZE FOR CONVOCATION



CELIA RUSSELL

Convocations will be more comfortable this year, thanks to an air-conditioning system which is being installed in Grant Hall for the convocation period. The Office of the University Secretariat has been busy preparing for the 19 convocation ceremonies to take place over the next two weeks. A large, white tent has been erected on Agnes Benidickson Field at the rear of Grant Hall. In addition to providing refreshments, it will also house occasional faculty and school receptions, a professional studio to take photos of graduates alone or with their families and diploma frames for purchase.



CELIA RUSSELL



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## Honouring those who strive to realize their dreams

### SUCCESS STORIES ABOUND AT ANNUAL BAN RIGH AWARDS CEREMONY

By KAY LANGMUIR

Arguably one of the most important details in all the extensive preparations for the Ban Righ Foundation's annual spring awards ceremony is the box of Kleenex at the podium.

It is an evening where women honour their bonds – as women, as mothers, as students, and as individuals struggling at great personal cost toward their goals.

And when an award winner gazes out at the assembly of friends, family, counselors, peers and supporters, the upwelling of love and gratitude can't be denied. So the Kleenex stays within easy reach.

Emcee Melissa Dunnett, who is in the middle of her studies, started the evening by giving voice to some doubts and fears well known to the inhabitants of the Ban Righ Centre, the home-away-from-home for mature women students at 32 Bader Lane.

"There are still days when I'm driving from Picton in my car, thinking, 'Am I crazy to be doing this? And do I really belong here? Well, in the Ban Righ, I know I belong,'" she said.

Associate Vice-Principal and Dean of Student Affairs Jason Laker, who also teaches Women's Studies, brought best wishes from the university administration to

the students and their families at the April 30 ceremony, held in Grant Hall.

"The Ban Righ is an incredible treasure chest of stories, and it has profound meaning for people who live those stories," he said.

Some of the women who received awards are still completing programs, chasing their children even as they accepted their awards, and palpably stressed by the rough road they're still walking.

"Someone once said, 'Brick walls are there to show how much you want something,'" said Allison Leveque, the mother of an energetic toddler. She commutes 100 kilometres to pursue a nursing degree at Queen's.

Ms. Leveque was co-recipient of the Diana McKenzie Award, along with Catharine Middaugh, who recently completed her nursing degree and has accepted a position at Kingston General Hospital.

"The centre is truly a beacon on campus for those of us who feel slightly out of touch with our undergraduate peers," said Ms. Middaugh, whose daughter was two months old when she returned to university. "The people I have met at the centre can truly relate to issues like child care, mortgages and caring for aging parents."

Gopa Chowdury, a teacher who immigrated to Canada in 2005, said she cried the day she was accepted into the Bachelor of Education program at Queen's. Ms. Chowdury, a single parent with a nine-year-old son, received the Marian C. Webb Award.

"Every day is very challenging for me, but I never gave up my

hope," she said.

Dina Johar, recipient of the Troup-Ballantyne Fund, came to Canada from Egypt to pursue graduate work in molecular biochemistry, a scientific field which women in Egypt are greatly discouraged from entering. She intends to return to Egypt after graduation and work to support women's higher education in her country.

"I believe that knowledge and education are key to overcoming the hardships endured by the poor, an issue that often ravages the lives of young women in developing countries," she said.

Lisa Binkley, recipient of the Helen Richards Campbell Award, is completing her fourth year in geography, fulfilling her dream of obtaining a university degree after working for 13 years.

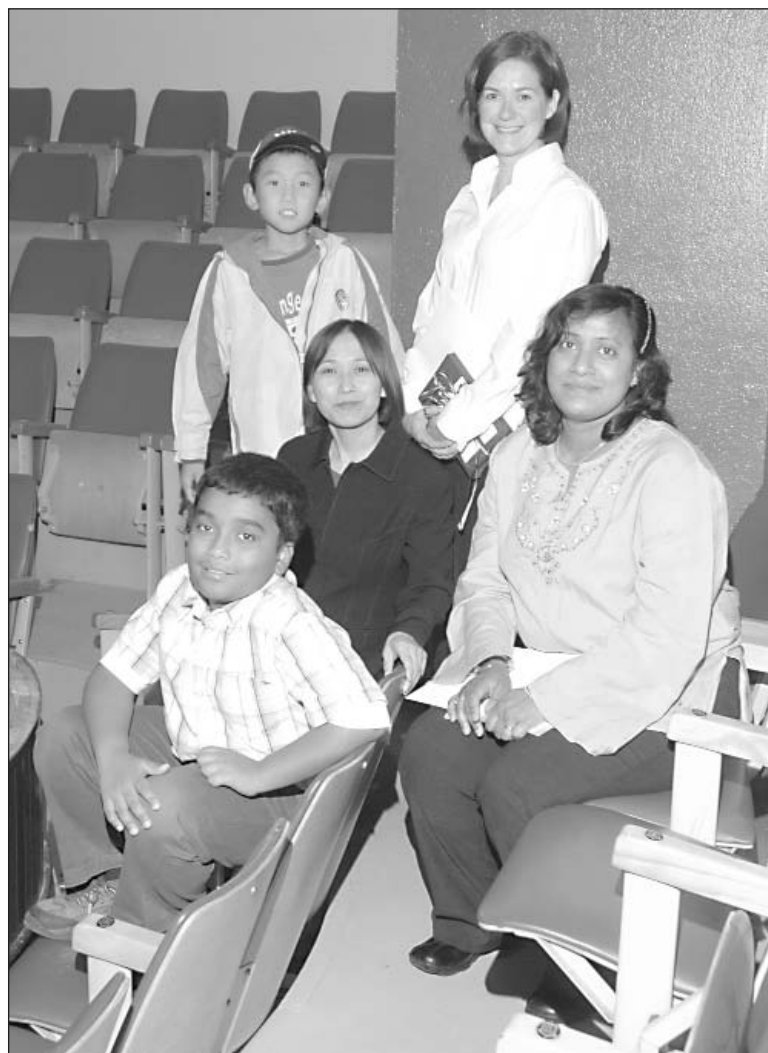
"I would not have been able to come back to school without the support of so many," she said. "And every time I walk in the door of Ban Righ, I feel like I've come home."

Perhaps the most serene of the 12 award recipients was Xuemei Li who, just days ago, successfully defended her dissertation in educational research and was awarded her PhD after five years of working toward it.

"Tonight I won't cry, I will smile," she said, as her young son watched proudly.

Although there was plenty of Kleenex, the laughter and hugs and smiles still outnumbered the tears.

[www.queensu.ca/dsao/ind/banrigh](http://www.queensu.ca/dsao/ind/banrigh)



STEPHEN WILD

Ban Righ Foundation award winners (from left) Xuemei Li, Lisa Binkley and Gopa Chowdury credit the Ban Righ Centre with the support they need to realize their dreams of a university education. Also pictured are Ms. Chowdury's son Rajarshi Dasgupta (foreground) and Ms. Li's son Simon Xu.

### Graduates

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Davies

understand the changes and make decisions based on those changes.

Ms. Davies also continued with her volunteer work with STRIVE (Students Taking Responsible Initiative for a Viable Environment), helped coordinate Green Up, a festival of earth-friendly living, and a local food summit to showcase sustainable food systems, as well as helping out with the Queen's farmers' market.

Ms. Davies says her time away from school helped make her a better student when she came back.

"If you have the chance, it's best to have real-world experience – travel, volunteer. It lets you focus on what you really want to do... That's especially important when students are coming to

university at a younger age."

Ms. Davies was also very pleased with her environmental studies program and its "generalist" cross-disciplinary approach to a hugely complex subject affected by a wide range of scientific and social factors.

"There has to be more focus on programs that link all of these things together," says Ms. Davies, who is currently working part-time at St. Lawrence College.

Mature student Mark Beauregard is another current graduate who found a good fit with his program at Queen's. A professional engineer for 25 years with engineering and MBA degrees from McGill, he currently works for Montreal-based Pratt & Whitney, a jet-engine manufacturer. When he decided to pursue a master's in Mechanical Engineering, he needed a program flexible enough to bend around the demands of a busy full-time career.

"It was a lot easier to work with Queen's than a lot of other places," says Mr. Beauregard, who had also considered studying in Ottawa and Montreal. "I really didn't know if I would continue or not because I had been out of school for 25 years."

Mr. Beauregard took one course at a time, working it around a job that frequently had him traveling between Montreal, Ottawa and Toronto.

"It's not easy. You do have constraints. You have to submit things. It's learning that discipline again, and getting down to focusing on a topic."

Many of his courses involved research on large projects, and where possible Mr. Beauregard did work related to the manufacturing process used at Pratt & Whitney.

After three years of whittling away at his courses, Mr. Beauregard receives his degree this spring. Convocation will be more than the usual happy family affair. His son Yannick is also graduating this spring with a degree in chemical engineering.

Siziwe Bebe continues to be an inspiration to all who meet her. When she immigrated to Canada from Zimbabwe in 2001, she already had a master's in Chemical Engineering from the University of Sydney (Australia). But she was also a single parent in a wheelchair, unable to walk or talk due to a severe brain concussion sustained when she was attacked by her partner. She needed an operation on her back that could not be performed in Zimbabwe, and with her sister Siphon living in Kingston, she came here to heal. Her son Jesse, five, and daughter Nosizo, 10, went to live with her sister while she spent three months at Kingston General Hospital.

With the help of physiotherapy, she slowly learned to walk again. But the psychological scars of her ordeal were still there. She worried



COURTESY OF SIZIWE BEBE

Siziwe Bebe, shown here with son Jesse and daughter Nosizo, hopes her story will be an inspiration for women in similar situations.

that her nightmares and screams were frightening her children.

"When I could walk using a cane, I decided to go back to school. I didn't want my brain sitting idle, because these things come back into my head."

She was accepted into the PhD program in 2002.

"My supervisor knew of my work (in polymer kinetics) when I was in Australia so he was happy to take me," she says.

There were times during the past five years when circumstances often conspired to test Ms. Bebe's commitment – financial constraints, chronic health problems, a burst appendix and short-term

memory loss. At one point, health issues forced her to leave her studies for a year. But her academic work was her lifeline and she didn't let go. She and her family squeaked along on welfare, bursaries and scholarships. At one time, things were so tough, she felt forced to discontinue her studies and find a job, but could not secure one.

Throughout her difficulties, Ms. Bebe had the unflinching support of her professors and colleagues.

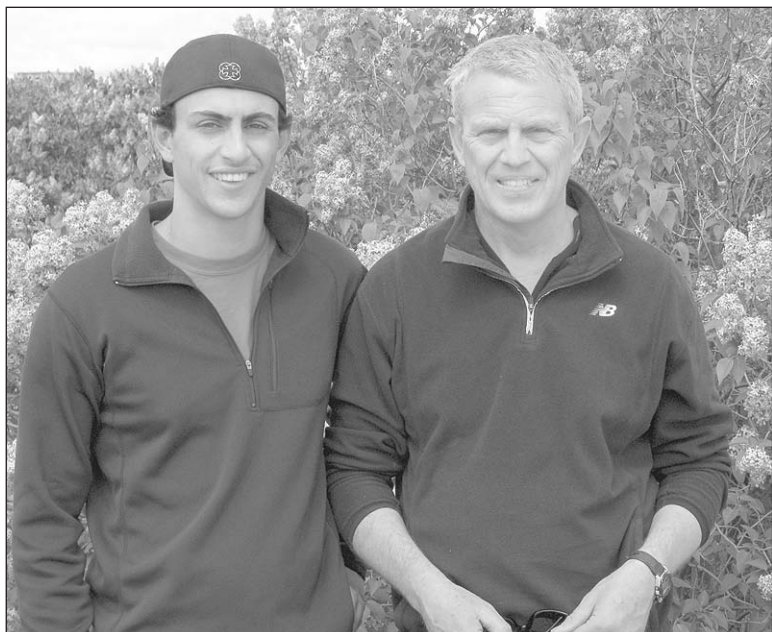
"People in my department were exceptionally understanding of my situation and so accommodating. From the department head to my supervisor, I couldn't ask for anyone better to have been in those positions."

Despite her considerable academic accomplishments, Ms. Bebe has some concern for what the future will bring. She would like to continue to raise her family in Kingston, but doesn't know if she can find work here.

"Because I didn't want my mind to be idle, I studied quite a lot," she says. "The scary part is that I'm done with this. What next?"

During her studies, Ms. Bebe found support at the Ban Righ Centre, which provides counseling and peer support for mature women students. It is one of a number of services on campus attuned to the needs of mature students, whose presence the university continues to support and encourage.

**Convocation ceremonies run May 26 to June 6 in Grant Hall. For the schedule, see page 14.**



COURTESY OF MARK BEAUREGARD

Mark Beauregard and his son Yannick will graduate together from Queen's this spring.

### Convocation by the numbers

Degrees Granted: 4193 (Graduate - 692; Undergraduate - 3501)

International Student Graduates: 180

Oldest Graduate: 65 years old

Youngest Graduate: 19 years old

For more stats, visit [www.queens.ca](http://www.queens.ca) and click on the mortarboard



## VIEWPOINT

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# Face-to-face versus Facebook

"TEA AND SYMPATHY" TURNS OUT TO BE THE PERFECT SOLUTION FOR BREAKING DOWN VIRTUAL BARRIERS AND GETTING TO KNOW ONE'S STUDENTS

I am fortunate to have a large, if outdated, office in Ontario Hall, and equally fortunate to teach an introductory art history course (Architecture in the Classical Tradition) to a large, enthusiastic student body. This academic year, the numbers almost doubled, which made getting to know the class on an individual basis much harder.

I wanted to find a way to acknowledge students' regular attendance and meaningful participation in class discussions. How could I do so in a completely fair way without knowing each and every one by name? Various systems came to mind, from the recital of the enrolment list each time, to electronic "clickers" with which students could "sign in." These techniques struck me as too cumbersome on the one hand, or too invasive and controlling on the other.

Like many other colleagues, I venture to guess, regulation office hours each week as a means of meeting students who might casually "drop in," has tended to break down in the wake of virtual contact via email. What could I do to maintain the contact on a name-basis that I consider essential to a learning experience and to building esprit de corps within any group?

With this question on my mind, a draft version of the syllabus on the word processor, and Labour Day fast approaching, I thought of my large office space – big enough to accommodate five or six at one sitting and commanding a view of University Avenue's reconstruction in the foreground and Lake Ontario in the background. I dreamed up what I call Tea and Sympathy. These weekly sessions coincided with part of my office hours. This purely voluntary event, with no set agenda or tutorial aspect to it, became an instant hit.

In the end, about 70 per cent of my students took advantage of it, and I washed a lot of mugs. Some previous students occasionally dropped in too, and at least one graduate student came bringing her own cup and saucer no less!

Conversations ranged from the view out my window, the slow progress on completing University Avenue, the mad rush to the finish line at the end of term, the idea of how the pressure could be in some way alleviated and whether that would improve the quality of learning and teaching at Queen's. Rarely, if ever, did the conversation turn to the specifics of my course such as what was going to be on the next quiz or final. For me, as for my visitors, getting to know each other mattered most.

By finding out something about each person's background – their year at Queen's, their travels, or home town – I found it possible to develop the mnemonic devices, the "memory theatre" if you will, necessary to recall all of those names.

I learned some other things in the process. One of my earliest visitors confided that I was the first professor to know her name. Astonishingly, this student was in the last year of a four-year program! Something is clearly wrong about a system that decreases rather than increases communication.

Obviously, Tea and Sympathy was not for everyone (nor does every professor have the floor space).

Some of my students felt intimidated by the idea of meeting face-to-face, or the tea party's timing clashed with their schedule, or they simply did not want to bother. I attached no stigma to their legitimate preferences. But knowing so many of their classmates by name made theirs come more readily to mind.

In the end, quite a number of the end-of-year course evaluations singled out Tea and Sympathy for mention and they recommended that I continue the practice in future years, which I intend to do.

Queen's rightly prides itself on the personal touch; this touchstone remains one of its strengths as an institution. In an age when Facebook seems so prevalent, I believe that Queen's should never lose sight of the value of face-to-face encounters inside and outside the classroom.

Pierre du Prey is Queen's Research Chair in the Department of Art and has conceived the exhibition *Palladio in Print*, currently on view in the W. D. Jordan Special Collections & Music Library on the Second Floor of Douglas Library. For more on the exhibition catalogue, see our newly launched books section on page 9.

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## QUEEN'S FLASHBACK: JUNE 2000



CELIA RUSSELL

From left, Sue Bedell of the Faculty of Arts and Science, Kim McEwen and Nicole Beckerton, both of the School of Business, take a break from dishing-up duties to taste the fruits of their labours at the Queen's University Staff Association annual Strawberry Social on the grounds of Summerhill. This year's social is set for Tuesday, June 24 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm (rain location: Grant Hall).

# The real dirt on Herstmonceux Castle

MIXING HORSE-HAIR  
PLASTER, COLLECTING  
ACORNS ALL PART OF  
MAINTAINING A  
500-YEAR-OLD CASTLE  
AND GROUNDS



SANDY MONTGOMERY

Notes From Herstmonceux

For a bit of a change, forget the academics of life and let's get down to the nitty-gritty, mud, manure and the pleasures of looking after a castle and its grounds.

A 15th-century castle in the 21st century offers many challenges, especially when surrounded by a moat full of man-eating carp, crumbling clay banks and Canada geese with outrageous manners. (We won't discuss the students, but I think some of them have an affinity with the geese.)

Maintaining a building of this nature needs a lot of patience, understanding and love of all things old, especially as all renovations come under the beady eye of English Heritage. This means that re-pointing of walls needs the same lime mortar mix used in the 15th century and plaster for the old ceilings has to be made up with horse-hair.

Thankfully, we can escape the trials of maintenance by enjoying and working in the stunning gardens and grounds of the estate. In the past few years, we have planted in excess of 2,500 trees – all broad-leaf species from the UK – trees, which will, over the next 50 to 100 years, create woodlands reminiscent of the old woods that existed centuries ago in this area. Incidentally, such care and stewardship also help to offset some of the carbon footprint left by students flying to the International Study Centre (ISC)! But don't stop coming!

Each autumn we now encourage students to harvest acorns and sweet chestnuts that are then planted. We now have five years' worth of seedlings grown from an-

cient oak and chestnut that have been growing on the estate for more than 300 years. Some will be replanted here and the rest sold to other estates and parks.

Most of our needs for wood for fencing, garden benches, etc. are now supplied from our own wood, and we also coppice the sweet chestnuts to be used by local craftsmen for Sussex trugs, fencing, posts, etc.

Within the woodlands and parkland, we have also created special areas for wildlife: nest boxes for local birds, an otter hide in the stream, a wildflower meadow for butterflies and wild orchids; also banks for beetles and other creepy crawlies (a scientific term known to most) and wild areas where badgers and foxes have their dens. On the small lakes, you will see, if very lucky, kingfishers and herons, many ducks and those ill-mannered Canada geese!

All in all, when you think of the ISC and come to study, teach or visit, do leave time to spare a few thoughts and hours to wander and enjoy the wonders of our fabulous grounds.

Sandy Montgomery is the operations director of Queen's International Study Centre at Herstmonceux Castle in East Sussex, UK.

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# PARTEQ and China: A convergence of need and opportunity

A snowstorm and an unusual sales pitch have generated a unique collaboration between Queen's technology transfer office and two major Beijing innovation centres.

Under the agreements, PARTEQ Innovations will find and commercialize promising Chinese technologies for North-American markets. The agreements represent a different approach for China, which is primarily focused on commercializing its technologies for domestic markets.

The partnerships grew out of an unexpected convergence of needs on both sides, and may well represent a North-American first in technology transfer, says John Molloy, President and CEO of PARTEQ Innovations.

"We went to China because we have recently increased our staff and are looking for a broader pipeline of technologies. To our surprise, it was the first time our Chinese colleagues had been approached by anyone offering to bring Chinese technologies to Canada," he says. "Many western businesses are looking for help getting technologies into China, but not the other way round. Our approach represented a totally different opportunity for them."

## "It was Queen's Principal Karen Hitchcock who reminded me of PARTEQ."

Lew Lederman

The quickly arranged one-week trip to Beijing last October by Mr. Molloy and Davis Hill, one of Mr. Molloy's commercialization managers, was initially seen as purely "exploratory." But as it turned out, the only exploratory part of their visit was a one-day sightseeing tour the day after their arrival. The rest of the week quickly evolved into back-to-back requests for collaborative agreements.

"It became obvious that the Chinese representatives wanted concrete action," Mr. Molloy says.

"We hadn't expected such fast progress," says Ms. Hill, whose previous business experience in China had prepared her for a more drawn-out process of trust building. "Usually you need time to develop the relationship."

For both, it was an exhilarating and unusual turn of events brought



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Davis Hill



MARY ANNE BEAUDETTE

## 'TEQ Talk

on by, of all things, bad weather.

An early winter blizzard in January 2007 had forced a delegation of Chinese officials to cancel plans to visit the University of Waterloo. Instead, their host, Lew Lederman diverted the visitors to his alma mater, Queen's University. Mr. Lederman's company, Longfield Associates, was looking for ways to foster Chinese-Canadian partnerships, and Queen's and its technology transfer office seemed a good fit.

"It was Queen's Principal Karen Hitchcock who reminded me of PARTEQ at [Kingston and the Islands MP] Peter Milliken's reception the previous winter in Ottawa," Mr. Lederman recalls. "So she is, to some extent, the author of much of what has ensued since."

By midsummer, Mr. Molloy was mulling over Mr. Lederman's suggestion that PARTEQ visit China as a way of furthering those early relationships. Mr. Molloy was skeptical at first. Recent new provincial funding had put PARTEQ in expansion mode, and it was busy hiring staff and doing outreach to other universities and industry.

"On the one hand I could see the strategic benefits. Long term, it would be wonderful for PARTEQ to be able to say that it had helped to build China's technology transfer capabilities in North America," he says. "On the other hand, there was the question of how we balance the demands of our own domestic growth and pipeline while doing the same work in China, which has the additional challenges of distance, language and cultural differences."

He turned to his board for advice. While equivocal at first, they were intrigued by the potential for international collaborations. The timing was good, as Queen's was also heading to China last October to further existing relationships with Chinese universities and to open a Queen's-China Liaison Office in Shanghai. Plans were assisted by Ms. Hill, a six-year veteran of PARTEQ whose previous business experience in China, as well as fluency in Mandarin, the language of business in China, were seen as valuable assets.

"Team PARTEQ" arrived in Beijing on Oct 29. Within 48 hours, they had signed an agreement to collaborate in a joint pilot project with the Capital Science and Technology Group (CSTG), Beijing's super-sized equivalent of Toronto's MaRS Discovery district.

A not-for-profit operation like PARTEQ, CSTG was established by the municipal government to create a new science and technology innovation hub for the Beijing region. Its members include universities, research institutes and industry. It also manages Zhongguancun Science Park, home of 20,000 high-tech companies focusing on information and communications technologies,

environmental protection and alternative energy, and biomedical and biotechnology innovations.

Despite their differences in scale, CSTG and PARTEQ have much in common, Mr. Molloy says. "They manage their own intellectual property, have their own venture funds and they create spinoff companies."

The novelty of PARTEQ's approach was confirmed at meetings throughout the rest of the week. Representatives at Tsinghua and Peking universities showed equal enthusiasm. "Our approach was seen as fresh and struck a chord," Mr. Molloy says. "The common response from all the groups we met was that they had not been approached before by a tech transfer office looking for opportunities to bring Chinese technologies into North America."

"We had very good meetings and probably could have signed four more agreements," says Mr. Molloy.

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Ms. Hill's ability to speak the language and her familiarity with the culture established credibility and really helped in the relationship-building, he says.

Several months later, the China-PARTEQ relationship continues to grow. Ms. Hill is working with her Chinese counterpart at CSTG to identify a Chinese pilot project for development in North America by PARTEQ, and vice-versa. In February, Mr. Molloy presented PARTEQ's China strategy to biomedical sector representatives from Ontario and the province of Tianjin at an Ontario-China roundtable. PARTEQ and the National and International Technology Transfer Centre of Tsinghua University are finalizing plans for a collaboration similar to that of CSTG.

With its wealth of human infrastructure and two decades of experience, PARTEQ has expertise to share and a pipeline to fill, and China offers a big pool of opportunities. "It may only be a matter of time before other universities do the same," Mr. Molloy says.

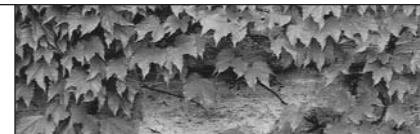
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John Molloy

## UNIVERSITY ROUNDUP



### One financial solution: more classes

To relieve some of the financial strain at Kean University in New Jersey, administrators are turning to the tried and true: working overtime. Facing a potential 17- to 24-per-cent tuition increase this year amid increasing budgetary pressures, in the most discussed plan, the university would move from an academic week in which most classes are taught Monday through Thursday to a six-day week, including Saturdays. The university estimates that on Fridays only 13 per cent of general-purpose classrooms are being used at any given time. To increase classroom utilization, one of the proposals includes an incentive plan that would discount 20 per cent of tuition for a course taken on Friday afternoons and Saturdays. But some professors at Kean are wary of the potential changes.

Insidehighered.com, May 7

### University created in carbon-free city

The city of Abu Dhabi in United Arab Emirates is developing the world's first solar-powered, car-free subdivision. The city has partnered with Massachusetts Institute of Technology to build a graduate university in the subdivision to study alternative energy. Called Masdar City, the initiative is harnessing the region's enormous wealth and zeal for glitzy construction to build an eco-friendly community of 50,000 in the heart of the Persian Gulf. From futuristic pods that transport residents to work on solar-powered magnetic rails and state-of-the-art composting and recycling facilities, developers are billing Masdar City as the world's only zero-carbon, waste-free city, expected to take a decade to complete.

TheStar.com, May 5

### Cambridge suffers blow to reputation

The University of Cambridge has suffered "substantial damage" to its international reputation over its attempts to commercialize technology developed by one of its academics, according to the results of internal tribunals. A number of outside business partners, including the U.S. Navy, "lost confidence" in the ability of the university's technology-transfer arm, Cambridge Enterprise (CE), to manage the commercial exploitation of an invention by Derek Fray, a professor of materials chemistry. CE's handling of the licensing of the technology forced a spin-off company into administration and left investors facing "substantial losses." The move also lost potential contracts with NASA and led to angry protests from the U.S. Naval Research Laboratory.

www.timeshighereducation.co-uk, May 8

### The cutting edge of physics theory

A Research in Motion co-founder has wooed a high-profile Cambridge professor to lead his Perimeter Institute, a move described as a coup for Canada and for the study of theoretical physics worldwide. Neil Turok, a native of South Africa who has worked alongside Stephen Hawking and is director of Cambridge's Centre for Theoretical Cosmology, was named yesterday as executive director of the institute in Waterloo, Ont., a research powerhouse set up in 1999 with a \$100-million gift from the man whose firm developed the BlackBerry. Dr. Turok says there is nowhere else in the world with a commitment to theoretical physics that exists at the Perimeter Institute in Waterloo.

The Globe and Mail, May 10

### You can take this to the bank

A University of Calgary undergraduate student paid his tuition recently with more than 90 kilograms in coins. Teale Phelps Bondaroff paid his spring session tuition, totalling \$1,037, in nickels and dimes because "the government and the university are nickel-and-dime students." The finance office didn't seem to mind taking the payment in change, which was rolled up and brought in by wheelbarrow. The political science student's coin payment was made in protest of the University of Calgary's recent decision to stop accepting credit-card payments for tuition.

Calgary Herald, May 13

### Overseas student fees outpace inflation

Universities and colleges in the UK are raising fees for international students faster than inflation, charging up to £650 more this year, according to new figures compiled for Education Guardian.co.uk. Universities charge international postgraduates in arts subjects £9,858 on average in 2008 – an inflation-busting rise of 5.2 per cent on last year's £9,373. In science subjects, the fee rise is 6.2 per cent or £11,245 in 2008, compared with £10,591 in 2007. The increases come on top of fees that are already inflated for international students. A report to be released will warn that if the price of courses becomes more of an issue for international students in an increasingly competitive global market, the UK could stand to lose out.

EducationGuardian.co.uk, May 20

Compiled by Karen Richardson



## IN BRIEF

## Susan Cole receives national award

Professor of Pathology & Molecular Medicine Susan Cole is the 2008 recipient of the prestigious Pfizer Senior Scientist Award from the Pharmacological Society of Canada. She will receive the award at the society's annual meeting in July, and also make a presentation on her research.

In 2007, Dr. Cole was recognized with Roger Deeley, director of Queen's Cancer Research Institute, as an inaugural winner of the National Cancer Institute of Canada's (NCIC) Diamond Jubilee Award, to celebrate 10 Canadian scientists who have made outstanding contributions in this field. For more than 20 years, Dr. Cole has focused on the biological mechanisms that limit the effectiveness of cancer chemotherapy.

## A Canadian chemical breakthrough

Research into a "green" chemical method for separating oil and water, by Philip Jessop (Chemistry) and his research team has been highlighted by the Chemical Institute of Canada as one of the top Canadian Chemical Discoveries of the past 100 years.

Dr. Jessop's reversible method of separating oil and water using a CO<sub>2</sub>-activated, air-deactivated surface active agent, was one of 20 chemical breakthroughs – eight of them Nobel Prize winners – listed in Canadian Chemical News magazine's May 2008 issue. Other notable researchers in the list included Frederick Banting, Gerhard Herzberg, John Polanyi and Michael Smith.

"To find my discovery listed on the same page as those historic great discoveries was both very flattering and seemingly incongruous," says Dr. Jessop. "If I had imagined such a list, I would have never, not in a million years, thought of including myself."

"Dr. Jessop's creative and ground-breaking research on a variety of 'green' chemistries has captured our attention, and certainly makes him deserving of this recognition," says Vice-Principal (Research) Kerry Rowe.

Team members are graduate student Yingxin Liu and Michael Cunningham (Chemical Engineering) and Charles Eckert and Charles Liotta of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

## Biomass and energy

On June 8 and 9, the campus will host an international team of academic, government and industry leaders to consider critical issues facing the Great Lakes region as it transforms from a fossil-fuel driven economy to one based on the development of vast and sustainable biological resources. The Conference on Biomass and Energy for the Great Lakes takes place in Ban Righ Hall.

For conference inquiries, contact Tom Carpenter: Tom.Carpenter@queensu.ca 613-533-6000 ext 74710. For registration inquiries, contact: Lisa Doulas: ldoulas@co-geco.ca, 613-533-2281 or visit www.queensu.ca/qieep

## Science siblings share affinity for the environment

By NANCY DORRANCE

Two of Canada's top environmental researchers also happen to be brothers: Queen's biologist John Smol, 2004 holder of the country's highest science award, and University of Ottawa toxicologist Jules Blais, whose findings about the effects of industrial pollutants on ecological systems have gained international attention.

Last week they were named 2008 Environmental Scientists of the Year by the Royal Canadian Geographical Society, which publishes Canadian Geographic magazine. The brothers will be profiled in the magazine's annual environmental issue in June.

Despite – or perhaps because of – the 13-year difference in their ages, they have nurtured each other's passion for preserving the global environment from their earliest years growing up together in a small town north of Montreal.

"As kids, we were surrounded by woods and wetlands: I think our connection to environmental concerns probably started there," says Jules, currently director of the Chemical and Environmental Toxicology Program at University of Ottawa. "We spent a lot of time exploring what was living in the nearby ponds."

John, who is Jules's half brother through their mother's second marriage, remembers collecting swamp organisms and bringing them home in buckets.

"It was a fascinating hobby, but never occurred to me that one day it would also be my career," he says now. As a Master's student at Brock University in the late 1970s, when the term "acid rain" was newly minted, John began experimenting

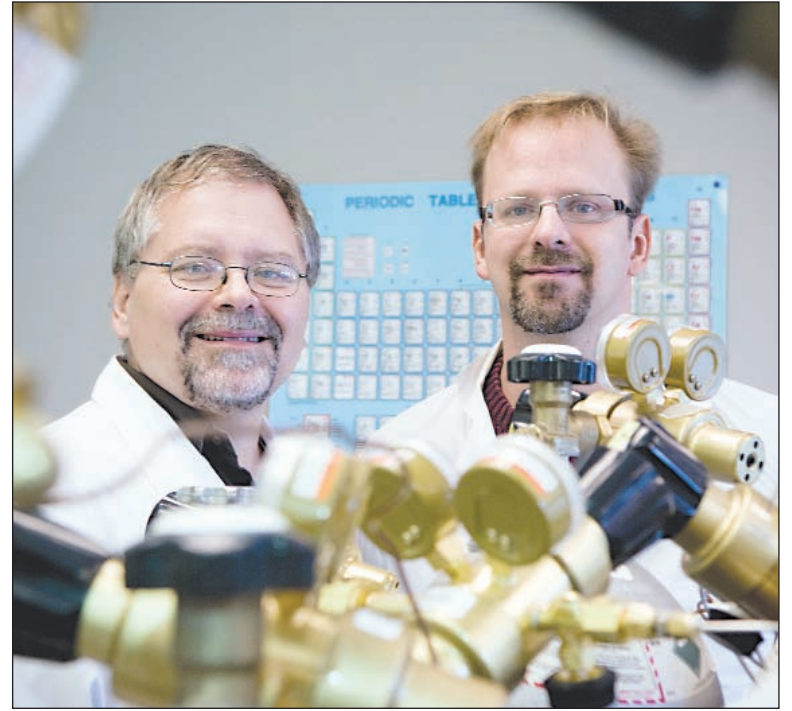
with new ways to measure sediment cores from the bottoms of lakes to read the history of human intervention. Several decades later, that methodology has become part of the core curriculum at universities around the world. Canada Research Chair in Environmental Change, Dr. Smol is founding director of Queen's Paleoecological Environmental Assessment and Research Lab (PEARL).

Meanwhile, younger brother Jules has gained prominence tracking the path of toxins and pollutants after they've been released, and determining why they build up in places far from their origin. He looks particularly at chemicals found in food chains: for example, pollutants in carnivores at the top of marine food chains, such as salmon.

Together, the brothers have collaborated on several groundbreaking research projects. As well as their 2004 study of mercury and DDT spreading to pristine Arctic sites from seabird populations, John and Jules teamed up on a 2003 project which showed that decomposing salmon leach large amounts of PCBs into British Columbia and Alaska lakes.

In 2004 John received the prestigious Gerhard Herzberg Canada Gold Medal, Canada's top science award, from the Natural Sciences and Engineering Research Council (NSERC).

He coordinated an international study in 2005 revealing unprecedented and possibly irreversible effects of Arctic warming linked to human intervention. In 2007, with former Queen's PhD graduate Marianne Douglas, now a professor at the University of Alberta, Dr. Smol



COLIN ROWE  
Biology professor John Smol and his half-brother Jules Blais of the University of Ottawa share an affinity for environmental concerns when they grew up together in Quebec "surrounded by woods and wetlands."

released a study showing that High Arctic ponds are beginning to evaporate due to recent climate warming.

So why is there such chemistry between these celebrated siblings, and what motivates them to pursue their environmental quest?

Jules, who considers himself the more analytical of the two, suggests one reason they have such a good working relationship is that they look at the same questions from a slightly different perspective and complement each other well.

"I think we're both driven to some extent, because we feel what we're doing is important: that's an amazing catalyst," says John.

Although scientists' ability to identify environmental issues has increased greatly, there is still resistance from governments and some members of the public to address or even acknowledge them, he adds. (A controversial recent article in *Nature* magazine suggests that global warming has stalled.) "Unfortunately, too many people are still in denial."

## Health researchers receive more than \$3 million

By MOLLY KEHOE

Researchers studying treatment strategies for erectile dysfunction in obese men, physical activity among Grade 10 students, and HIV/AIDS prevention in South Africa are among eight Queen's project leaders awarded a total of \$3,177,791 in the latest round of Canadian Institute of Health Research (CIHR) funding.

Across Canada, 764 health research projects received more than \$298 million.

The research being supported will help address important health issues affecting Canadians, such as cancer, heart disease and HIV/AIDS, says Minister of Health Tony Clement.

Those receiving grants are:

**Lucie Levesque**, Kinesiology and Health Studies (\$99,964), who will examine the effectiveness of a community-wide intervention to enhance physical activity involvement in the entire population of grade 10 students (about 2,500 youth) in a mid-size Canadian city. New knowledge yielded by this research will help guide program decisions and refinement of community-wide strategies to enhance obesity and chronic disease prevention in the Canadian population.

**Rosemary Jolly**, English (\$688,530) will work with young males in rural South Africa to prevent HIV/AIDS and gender-based violence. With substantial input from youth, service providers and community leaders, she will design a culturally-appropriate intervention that would be pilot-tested and evaluated in a subsequent research project.

**Ingrid Johnsrude**, Psychology (\$479,265) uses behavioral and functional brain imaging from normal listeners to study how the auditory signal and knowledge-based information contribute to accurate speech perception. Her work will also look at how the interaction between perceptual and cognitive processes changes with age.

**Kenneth Rose**, Physiology (\$855,452) is working to understand the mechanisms used by the central nervous system to control movement. His research will serve as the foundation for unmasking the causes of motor dysfunction seen in a wide variety of neurological diseases, strokes, and spinal cord injuries.

**Robert Ross**, School of Kinesiology and Health Studies (\$302,931) studies acute and chronic exercise as treatment strategies for erectile dysfunction (ED) in obese men. His research aims to provide encouragement to the estimated 3.8 million Canadian men above 40 years of age who have ED and vascular disease to adopt an active lifestyle and thereby improve erectile function while also lowering their related risk of disease.

**Victor Tron**, Pathology (\$412,365) studies how to block expression of inhibitors of cell death in skin melanoma. This is the most common, deadly form of cutaneous tumor, and a treatment for metastatic disease does not exist. If

successful, his research will give hope to thousands of Canadians who develop melanoma.

**Louise Winn**, Pharmacology and Toxicology (\$322,617) looks at environmental chemicals and drugs that produce birth defects. She is currently looking at why Valproic acid (a commonly prescribed antiepileptic agent used to treat a wide variety of seizure disorders) is associated with birth defects when taken during pregnancy.

**Linda McLean**, Rehabilitation Therapy (\$16,667) is the lead for *Muscles in Motion: Moving research into clinical practice*, which will be a semi-annual congress of the International Society for Electrophysiology and Kinesiology (ISEK).



STEPHEN WILD

## THE NEW TRANSPARENCY

Privacy Commissioner of Canada Jennifer Stoddart addresses the recent inaugural team meeting of Queen's global research team on The New Transparency: Surveillance and Social Sorting, following an illustrated presentation about the project by Sociology professor and Surveillance Project director David Lyon. The new project is a Major Collaborative Research Initiative supported by a \$2.5-million grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada (SSHRC).



# Introducing a new Queen's books section

With this issue, the Queen's Gazette introduces a new books section, highlighting publications written or edited by Queen's faculty and staff that would be of interest to the wider university and academic communities. In this premiere section, we've also highlighted a book about the life and work of Carl Heywood, a professor emeritus in the Department of Art.

Designed to capture areas of scholarly activity that don't always receive the same high public profile as medicine or science, this section is intended to reflect the full range of publishing that takes place on campus. This first edition focuses on recent publications from the Faculty of Arts and Science.

For our next section scheduled to appear in early fall, we ask that faculties and/or individual faculty and staff members send submissions that include the following:

- A brief description of the book, published within the last 12 months;

- A few lines explaining why you decided to write or edit the book;
- If available, a high-resolution jpg (200 dpi) or pdf file of the book cover to run with the description.

Submissions should be about 250 words maximum, and may be edited to address space considerations. A submission reminder will be published in the Gazette in advance of the next books section.

The frequency of the books features will be determined by level of response.

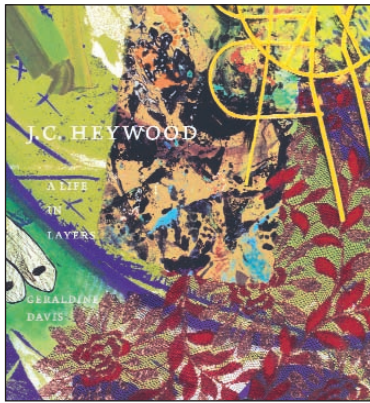
And now for the fun part – we are asking readers to help us to name the new section. We are offering a great prize: an autographed copy of Ana Siljak's acclaimed new book, *Angel of Vengeance*, which was featured in the April 14 issue of the Gazette.

Submissions, both for the section and the naming contest, can be emailed to [gazette@queensu.ca](mailto:gazette@queensu.ca).

Many thanks go to Sue Bedell in the Faculty of Arts and Science for helping us to plan our first section. - Celia Russell, Gazette editor

number of the contributors to the book have demonstrated.

Lynda Jessup



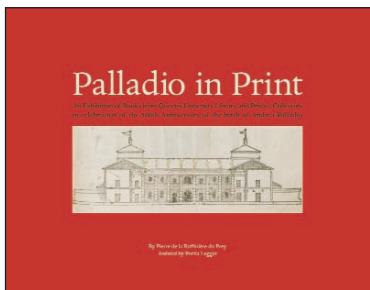
*A Life in Layers*, J.C. Heywood, Géraldine Davis and Linda Beatty, Burnaby Art Gallery, 2007

Professor Emeritus Carl (J.C.) Heywood has been creating art for more than 40 years. His passion and devotion to printmaking has become a life's work. This important retrospective exhibition chronicles his evolution as a Canadian visual artist who has chosen to express himself by making art on paper.

### Why did you want to publish this book?

Carl Heywood's graphic eloquence was the source of energy driving this project. From mixing ink at Sword Street Press to presenting Canada's best prints to the curators at the Museum of Modern Art, a life spent in admiration of printmaking was the proper preparation for this thrilling task of paying tribute to its outstanding practitioner. Celebrating the lavish beauty of Heywood's work reawakened the love of printmaking that led me down an extraordinarily rich and colourful path through this life in layers.

Géraldine Davis



*Palladio in Print*, Pierre de la Ruffinière du Prey (Art) with the assistance of Portia Leggat, Artsci '76, Allan Graphics Limited, 2008

This year marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of the world's single most-written about and influential architect, Andrea Palladio (1508-1580). A man in the right place at the right time, Palladio's career coincided with relative peace, and economic expansionism by Venetians on the Italian mainland. This buoyant climate enabled him to make notable contributions to the realms of town house, bridge, and church design. His many country villas, or glorified farmhouses, are perhaps his greatest architectural claim to fame. Books carried Palladio's ideas and designs to France, the United Kingdom, India, the West Indies, the United States of America, and to relatively remote Kingston, Ont. The story of this amazing, almost unprecedented, diffusion is traced by *Palladio in Print*.

### Why did you want to write this book?

My intentions in conceiving the exhibition and writing the catalogue, in collaboration with Portia Leggat, were twofold: first, to showcase Queen's strength in Palladio and Palladio-related rare books; secondly, to augment and reinforce

Queen's holdings with material loaned from collections in Kingston and abroad. For example, *Palladio in Print* reunites a privately owned copy of Palladio with another that similarly belonged to the architect-earl of Burlington and which is undoubtedly the crown-jewel in Queen's rare book collection.

Pierre du Prey

### HUMANITIES

*A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Agora*, R. Drew Griffith (Classics) and Robert B. Marks, Legacy Books Press, 2007

Ancient Greece and Rome aren't usually remembered for their sense of humour. In reality, the ancient Greeks and Romans often refused to take themselves seriously. Strange and outlandish activities abounded, including somebody accidentally exposing himself while dancing sideways at his wedding (those wearing bed sheets didn't wear underwear) and a group of drunk, young men thinking their house is sinking at sea and tossing all of their furniture out the windows. The authors take you on a lively and funny journey through the more bizarre activities of the ancient world, ranging from moochers to quacks to shrews to willing suckers.

### Why did you want to write this book?

About a dozen years ago, my head of department assigned me a course entitled Ancient Humour, which was in danger of being dropped from the Arts and Science calendar. I immediately set out to look for an appropriate textbook that would provide both an anthology of relevant passages of Greek and Latin literature and art, and would also contain some theoretical discussion of humour. No such book existed, and in fact very few universities seem to teach courses on this at all. I made my own course handouts, and gradually began to imagine putting them into book form. I collaborated with Robert B. Marks, a former student of mine and a professional author, and together we produced this book. Although this began life as a textbook, our hope is that it will find a wider readership of lay persons interested in the topic.

R. Drew Griffith

*Making an Atlantic World: Circles, Paths, and Stories from the Colonial States*, James Taylor Carson (History), The University of Tennessee Press, 2007

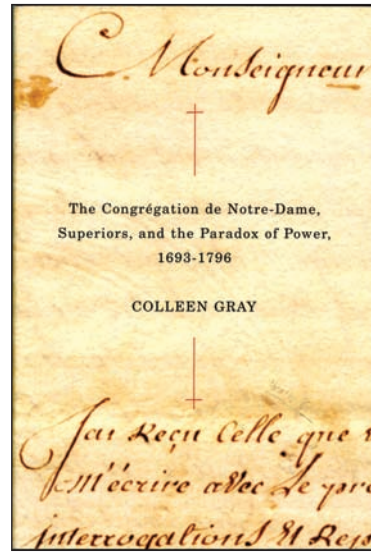
Based on the notion of "founding peoples rather than founding fathers," this book uses an innovative, interdisciplinary approach to interpret the Colonial South. James Taylor Carson uses historical ethnogeography: a new methodology that brings together the study of history with anthropology and geography. This method seeks to incorporate concepts of space and landscape with social perspectives to give students and scholars a better understanding of the forces that shaped the development of a synthesized, southern culture.

### Why did you want to write this book?

I wanted to put the writing of the history of the American South on another footing. In the book, I root the telling of the colonial American South's history in traditions of aboriginal story-telling rather than in the more conventional idiom of western historiography. I also drew upon my experience as an immigrant to Canada and argued that the Canadian notion of founding peoples, as

opposed to the United States' approach of founding fathers, affords a new way to write multicultural history, to think about the past, and to imagine the future.

Jamey Carson



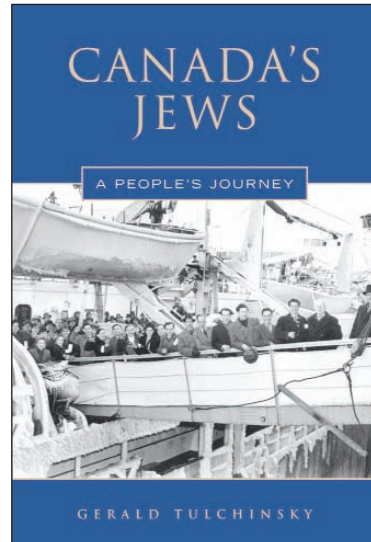
*The Congrégation de Notre-Dame, Superiors, and the Paradox of Power, 1693-1796*, Colleen Gray (History), McGill-Queen's University Press, 2007

Nuns have often been portrayed as nascent feminists wielding an exceptional amount of power. In this formative study of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame, a religious community of unclioistered women established in Montreal in 1657, the author presents a more nuanced view of the religious life.

### Why did you decide to write this book?

When I first moved to Montreal from Ontario in the late 1980s, I was initially struck by the architecture of the city. As a busy young mother with very young children, as well as a freelance editor and an aspiring writer, I would grab at any free moment to wander along Sherbrooke Street to admire the Sulpician Seminary, or the Mother House of the Congrégation de Notre-Dame [now Dawson College]. Struck by the almost impenetrable beauty and mystery of some of this city's most ancient structures, I began asking questions: Who were these people? What did they think? What did they experience? Who built these structures? Who lived in them? I wanted to enter into this vanished world. Whoever would have dreamed that my initial forays into the architecture of this city would lead me to such a project? Nor has the journey ended with this volume. I am in the process of re-entering this vanished world as I research and write a biography of Marie Barbier, 17th- and 18th-century Congrégation de Notre-Dame nun, superior and mystic.

Colleen Gray



*Canada's Jews — A People's Journey* by Gerald Tulchinsky (History), University of Toronto Press, 2008

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Recently published books from the Faculty of Arts and Science

### FINE & PERFORMING ARTS

*Around and About Marius Barbeau: Modelling Twentieth Century Culture*, Lynda Jessup (Art), Andrew Nurse (Mount Allison University) and Gordon Smith (Music), Canadian Museum of Civilization Corporation, 2008

Marius Barbeau (1883-1969) played a role in the shaping of Canadian culture in the twentieth century. This book extends discussion about Barbeau beyond the life and work framework by providing critical and interpretative approaches to the different aspects of Barbeau.

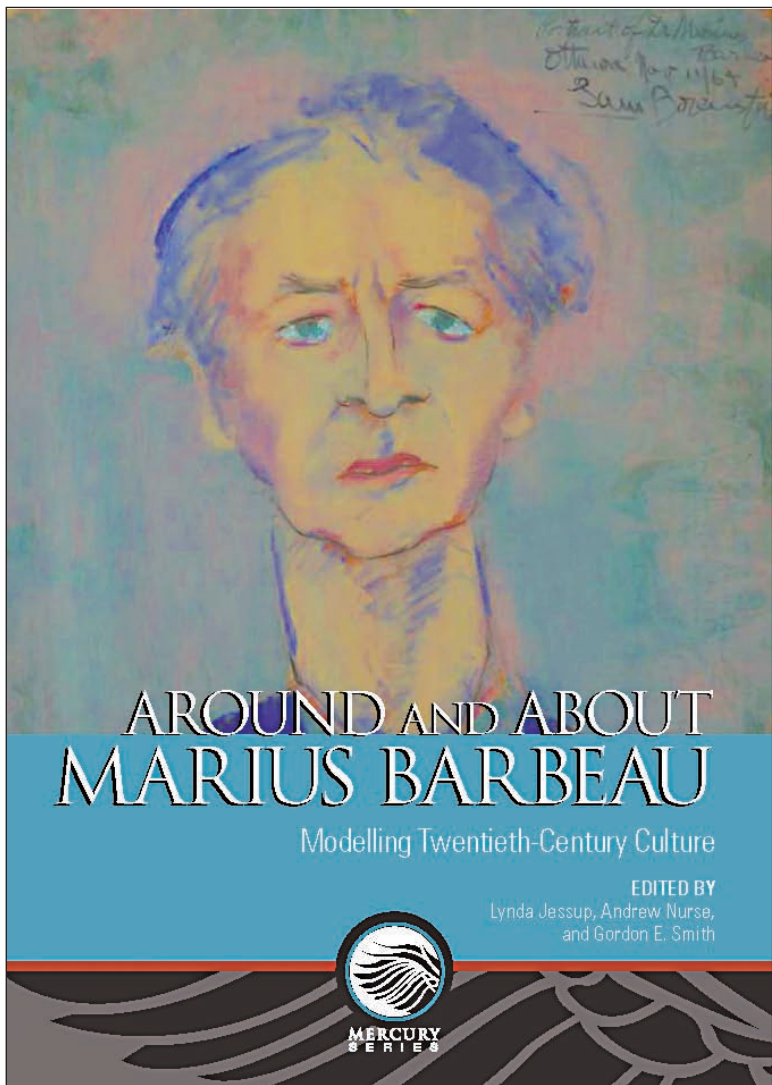
### Why did you want to write this book?

One of the challenges and rewards of this book is its collaborative and broad multi-disciplinary scope. Barbeau touched so many facets of history and culture in the 20th century, and we have at-

tempted to portray this range of activity and expertise through the disciplinary diversity and different voices in the book.

Gordon Smith

Barbeau's ethnographic work in rural communities along the lower St. Lawrence, and in aboriginal communities on the Northwest coast and elsewhere in Canada makes his archives a particularly rich research resource, one that offers access not only to dominant and official views of culture in Canada during his 40-year career at the National Museum, but also (reread, as it is by many of the contributors to the book) to marginalized, competing, and otherwise less documented cultural expressions and histories. Interested in popular forms of museum display, including music festivals, exhibitions, and film, Barbeau also collaborated throughout his career with other culture producers, and his archives thus provide a valuable means through which to study their cultural modelling as well, which a





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Spurred on by upheavals in Eastern Europe in the late-18th and early-19th centuries, many Jews immigrated to the Dominion of Canada, then considered little more than a British satellite state. Far from being a fragment of the Old World, Tulchinsky demonstrates that Canadian Jewry grew from a tiny group of transplanted Europeans to a fully articulated, diversified, and dynamic national group that defined itself as Canadian while expressing itself in the varied political and social contexts of the Dominion.

**Why did you want to write this book?**

This book examines the Jewish experience in Canada and stresses its distinctiveness in North America. It describes the journey from immigration to integration in the context of Canadian national duality, immigration, and economic transformations. I wanted to tell that story.

Gerry Tulchinsky

**LANGUAGES**

*La Querelle du régionalisme au Québec (1904-1931): Vers l'autonomisation de la littérature québécoise*, Annette Hayward (French Studies), Le Nordir, 2006

In December 2007, Governor General Michaëlle Jean presented Professor Hayward with a 2007 Governor General's Literacy Award for Non-Fiction for this book, which marks a significant step in studies on the literature of Quebec in the first half of the 20th century. It was also awarded the Gabrielle Roy Prize for the best work of literary criticism on Canadian/Quebec literature in the previous year.

**Why did you want to write this book?**

I stumbled on this topic while researching something else, at a time when the quarrel had been completely forgotten, and so I decided to research it. The quarrel turned out, however, to be much more important and a far greater task than I had anticipated. By the time my book finally came out, its existence was already quite well known by specialists of the period in Quebec. I still wanted the book to be published, because no one had presented the quarrel, combining both great detail and then a synthesis, in the way that I have, and also because, as a non-Quebecoise, I think my research tended to be more objective than that of some others. It is a literary quarrel with many political implications, since it really turns around what kind of future people wanted for French Canada in the first part of the 20th century. I certainly discovered an incredible number of things that were unexpected, and in no way coincided with my original hypotheses, which I think is always a good sign when doing historical research.

Annette Hayward

*Luigi Pirandello: La parola, la scena e il mito*, Donato Santeramo (Spanish & Italian), Roma: Nuova Editrice Universitaria, 2007

*Luigi Pirandello: La parola, la scena e il mito* deals with Pirandello's creative journey as essayist, poet, novelist and playwright, to find answers to his quest for truth in life and art. In the book, the dialogic structures and the various genres employed by Pirandello are seen as a means of signification in of themselves. The study proposes the mythical as a solution to Pirandello's quest. In fact, for Pirandello, the oppositions truth/appearance and reality/illusion can be harmonized through the mythical.

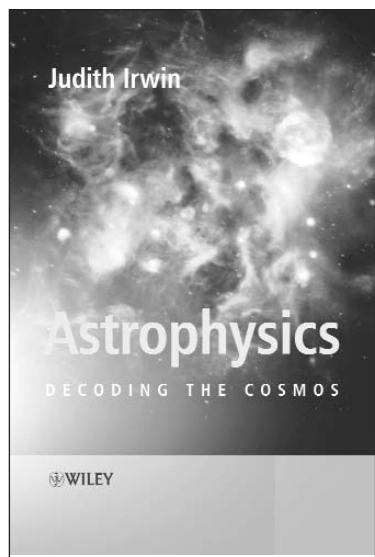
**Why did you want to write this book?**

One of the reasons that com-

pelled me to write this book is Luigi Pirandello's contemporariness, as the search for a truth or truths and the dualism reality/illusion are still at the core of numerous artistic and philosophical debates today.

Donato Santeramo

**SCIENCES**



COVER IMAGE BY JAYANNE ENGLISH AND HER COLLABORATORS

*Astrophysics — Decoding the Cosmos*, Judith Irwin (Physics), Wiley Books, 2007

An accessible introduction to the key principles and theories underlying astrophysics, this text examines the radiation and particles that we receive from astronomical objects, providing a thorough understanding of what this tells us, drawing the information together using examples to illustrate the process of astrophysics.

**Why did you want to write this book?**

There has historically been a gap in astrophysics textbooks between the colourful, broadly scoped first-year offerings and more technical books available at the graduate level.

After some years of 'managing' with texts that were not at the right level or format for second- or third-year astronomy, I finally realized that I had to write my own. This book is the result, and really owes its existence to the high quality of our engaged, bright and inquiring physics students.

Judith Irwin

*Pollution of Lakes and Rivers—A Paleoenvironmental Perspective* by John P. Smol, Blackwell Publishing, 2008

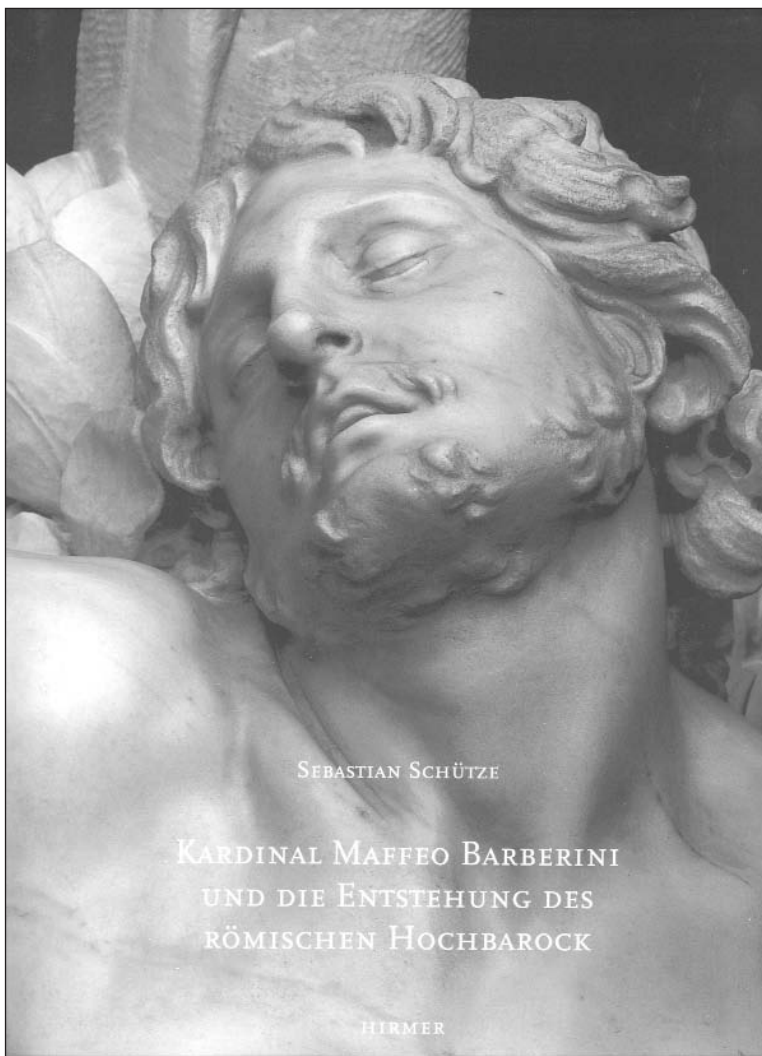
In its second edition, *Pollution of Lakes and Rivers* addresses many of water-quality problems from an international perspective, covering critical issues such as acidification, eutrophication, land-use changes, pollution by metals and other contaminants, climatic change, and biodiversity losses. It demonstrates how paleolimnological approaches can be used to interpret the physical, chemical, and biological information stored in lake and river sediments, and how this information is integral to identifying key environmental stressors and setting targets for mitigation purposes.

**Why did you want to write this book?**

Even for seasoned authors, writing a book remains a daunting task. My latest book deals with paleoenvironmental approaches that can be used to tackle important and developing water-quality issues. I am deeply concerned about the state of our environment, and we need to use all available approaches (even those that some might consider non-conventional approaches) to tackle these pressing issues.

We do not have the luxury of ignoring any promising approaches or ideas. As scientists and other types of academics, our main products are often ideas. If we do not

**Art professor wins international praise for book on art patronage**



Sebastian Schütze has won a prestigious award for his book on the art patronage of Cardinal Maffeo Barberini.

commit our ideas to writing, they generally are not available to the world at large. And ideas can change the world.

John Smol

*A Biologist's Guide to Mathematical Modeling in Ecology and Evolution* by Troy Day (Mathematics and Statistics) and Sarah P. Otto (University of British Columbia)

This book starts at an elementary level of mathematical modeling, assuming that the reader has taken high school mathematics and first-year calculus. The authors gradually build in depth and complexity, from classic models in ecology and evolution to more intricate class-structured and probabilistic models. The authors provide primers with instructive exercises to introduce readers to the more advanced subjects of linear algebra and probability theory. Through examples, they describe how models have been used to understand such topics as the spread of HIV, chaos, the age structure of a country, speciation, and extinction.

**Why did you want to write this book?**

We wrote this book because there wasn't any comprehensive text on the market that introduced the mathematical techniques of modeling in ecology and evolutionary biology to a biological audience.

Troy Day

**SOCIAL SCIENCES**

*World City Syndrome*, David McDonald (Global Development Studies), Routledge Taylor & Francis Group, 2007

The literature on world cities has had an enormous influence on urban theory and practice, with academics and policy makers attempting to understand, and often

strive for, world city status. In this groundbreaking new work, David A. McDonald explores Cape Town's position in this network of global cities and critically investigates the conceptual value of the world city hypothesis. Drawing on Marxist urban theory, McDonald argues that Cape Town must be understood as a neoliberal city, wracked by the socio-spatial inequalities inherent to market-oriented reforms. Despite the pro-poor rhetoric of local and national government in post-apartheid South Africa, Cape Town has arguably become the most unequal city in the world, due in part to a "world-city syndrome" that deepens these inequalities and plagues its urban planning.

**Why did you want to write this book?**

I have been conducting research in Cape Town since 1993 and this book is the culmination of more than a dozen years of related fieldwork. I've written numerous articles about the city (and urbanization in South Africa more generally) but the book was an opportunity to pull together a wide range of material under a single conceptual umbrella that was both global in scope (a critique of the world city hypothesis) and highly local at the same time.

The hope is that the book appeals to both an international audience interested in cities and globalization, as well as a local audience interested in the impacts of urban neoliberalism in post-apartheid South Africa in particular.

David McDonald

*Communication and Empire, Media, Markets and Globalization, 1860-1930*, Robert M. Pike (Sociology) and Dwayne R. Winseck (Carleton University), Durham: Duke University Press, 2007

This is a study of early

Sebastian Schütze, a professor in the Department of Art and the Bader Chair in Southern Baroque Art, has won a prestigious award for his book on the art patronage of Cardinal Maffeo Barberini.

One of the most prestigious prizes in its field, the Premio Daria Borghese was founded in 1965 and is awarded annually to a book dedicated to Rome and its central role in the development of European history, art and culture.

Professor Schütze won for *Kardinal Maffeo Barberini und die Entstehung des römischen Hochbarock*, published in 2007.

Barberini was elected Pope Urban VIII in 1623 and can be described as the most important papal patron in 17th-century Rome.

He discovered artists such as Giovanni Lorenzo Bernini and Pietro da Cortona, and was instrumental in creating the baroque style that soon spread all over Europe.

Professor Schütze received his award May 17 at the Palazzo Borghese in Rome.

Former nominees include classical philologist Pierre Grimal (Sorbonne), historian Wolfgang Reinhard (Freiburg), and archeologist Carl Nylander (Stockholm) as well as renowned art historians such as Jacques Thuillier (College de France), James Ackermann (Harvard), Irving Lavin (Princeton), Christoph Luitpold Frommel (Bibliotheca Hertziana), Joseph Connors (Harvard), and Jennifer Montagu (Warburg Institute).

globalization and communications between 1860 and 1920, as seen through the social and economic impact of the underseas cable, and early international wireless. Much focus is placed on the monopolies and cartels created by the cable and wireless companies and their links to imperialism and socio-economic development: as well as on social movements to cheapen cable rates. Canada, not least through Sir Sandford Fleming, receives major attention in the book as a mid-way point in British imperial communications between Britain on the one hand, and Australasia/Asia on the other. However, the process of socio-economic development in Latin America, the Middle-East and China is also the focus of separate chapters.

**Why did you want to write this book?**

I cannot speak for Dwayne, but I was interested in this theme through my long-term research on early communications: including (with Geography Professor Brian Osborne) postal communications in Canada, the social diffusion of the telephone in urban central Canada and in farm communities, the Canadian role in the advent of imperial Penny Post and the history of broadcasting, as well as current broadcasting, trends and policies.

Neither the underseas cable nor the telegraph have received the scholastic attention that they deserve, especially considering that the Eastern Telegraph Company of Britain was the largest multinational company of the 19th century. Perhaps most notably in the book is the attention which we were able to give to China, and the role of the communication companies in helping the western powers divide it up in the late 19th century.

Bob Pike



## Africentric schools deserve a chance

The Toronto District School Board, after deciding to vote in favour of an Africentric school this past February, is now considering a proposal to expand this program to the high-school grades.

As both a black Canadian and a scholar of black Canadian history, knowing what I know about the struggle to open up the schools to our children, I have strong reservations surrounding this current turn of events.

With the exception of a short-lived (and remarkably similar) project in the 1970s in Toronto and a handful of Africentric schools in Nova Scotia, what has recently transpired ignores the lessons of history and seems to fly in the face of a long civil rights struggle.

My strong reservations aside, I am ultimately willing to support this idea. Why not give it a try? It is far too easy for the middle class – blacks and non-blacks alike – to dismiss this initiative.

The black working class and underclass generally do not have the material resources to cope with a system that is at best unsympa-

thetic toward their children and often overtly hostile. With the dropout rate sitting at 40 per cent, desperate times call for desperate measures.

If middle-class Canadians of any background faced this kind of dismal dropout rate among their children it would be denounced as a national tragedy – a crisis. And no government, provincial or federal, would be allowed to stay in power.

Where is the outrage for the children of the black underclass and working poor, the so-called “at-risk” youth in today’s jargon?

In light of the TDSB’s February vote and this latest proposal, proponents of “black-focused” or “Africentric” schools have been on a roll. Their momentum has been growing, even with rising concerns that the proposed site of the primary school, an underused wing of Sheppard Public School, might be “only half a school.”

Positions on these schools remain deeply divided. Champions of the Africentric schools have looked to their opponents with suspicion and scorn and they, in turn,

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decry the lack of alternative proposals within existing schools.

Outside of the community, many Ontarians look on with suspicion and a palpable sense of unease at the question of black-focused schools. Some have even taken offence at the very idea. This is an indication of the triumph of the liberal ideal of racial tolerance.

After a very long history of racial exclusivity in this country, this is not something that should be taken lightly. It means that many

of the gains of the civil rights movement of the mid-20th century have taken firm root.

Critics of these pilot programs are justifiably suspicious. Historian Kristen McLaren tells us that on the question of their children’s access to the province’s common schools in the 19th century, black parents declared: “We have no desire to be set apart.” They mobilized to fight against the exclusionary application of the Common School Act for Upper Canada in 1850, which allowed black and Roman Catholic parents the choice of opening their own schools.

Clearly the system is not working for this group and simply maintaining the status quo will not do. In Kingston, Ont., where I currently reside and teach, the many penitentiaries that call our city home are full of black male dropouts from the TDSB.

Many critics have loudly and uncharitably pointed the finger at root causes such as the black matri-focal family, absentee fathers and a culture of criminality, none of which have merit. Surely we have

to look at the public school as an institution that has spectacularly failed this group.

Setting aside schools for some of our children has invoked much hand-wringing in the mainstream culture. Much of this is not out of any genuine concern for this group, but rather what it signifies for a pluralist ideal of Canadian society that is under intense pressure and perhaps in retreat.

The broad liberal post-war consensus has not worked for much of French Canada, nor First Nations peoples.

Black activists, parents and academics who have been fighting for this project represent yet another threat to the liberal consensus that seems to be coming apart at the seams.

That this is of little concern to the champions of this issue is not at all surprising.

Barrington Walker is an assistant professor in the Department of History and the Diversity Advisor to the Vice-Principal (Academic). This piece was recently published in the Toronto Star.

## Experts address Youth Criminal Justice Act, immigration point system, segregated schools and electric shock therapy

### QUEEN'S IN THE NEWS

Highlights of Queen's experts in the media

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Globe and Mail

**Nick Bala (Law)** – Youth Criminal Justice Act changes, also in the Toronto Star, Ottawa Citizen, Edmonton Journal, Winnipeg Free Press, Ottawa Sun, Calgary Sun, on CBC Radio’s Ontario Today, CBC.ca, and CTV.ca; Statistics Canada report about increased violence among young offenders also in the Toronto Sun, London Free Press, and on CBC syndicated radio across the country, including Edmonton, St. John’s, Vancouver, Yellowknife, Thunder Bay, Windsor, and Winnipeg

**Charles Beach (Economics)** – Canada’s immigration point system; a Statistics Canada report about the growing disparity between employment rates for immigrant and Canadian-born workers; also slow economic growth in the Toronto Star; and change in men’s income from 1991 to 1999 in the Vancouver Sun



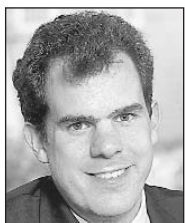
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**Douglas Reid (Business)** – Election of a new chair of the Toronto Port Authority

**Ned Franks (Political Studies)** – Political life of Arthur Kroeger, also in the Hill Times; Saskatchewan electing senators; Liberal MP barred from asking questions about Mulroney-Schreiber affair and Liberals accusing Harper of limiting debate about the Chuck Cadman affair in the National Post, Ottawa Citizen and Vancouver Sun

**John Smol (Biology)** – Polar Continental Shelf Project

Toronto Star

**Barrington Walker (History)** – Opinion piece in favour of the Toronto District School Board’s vote for Africentric school

**Kevin Robbie (Physics)** – Using naturally anti-bacterial particles in sweatshirts and shoes

**Mohammad Qadeer (Urban and Regional Planning)** – Segregated

schools in “colour-coded” neighbourhoods

**Valerie Ashford (Centre for Democracy Studies)** and **Tom Axworthy (Policy Studies)** – Access and quality of post-secondary education in Canada, also in the Kingston Whig-Standard; and Axworthy comments about Israel’s democracy in the Kingston Whig-Standard

National Post

**Mike Condra (Psychiatry)** – Parenting styles effect on kids after they leave home; also in the Winnipeg Free Press and Saskatoon StarPhoenix

**John Allan and Tom Courchene (Policy Studies)** – Opinion piece about Canada’s efforts to curb greenhouse gas

**Ken Wong (Business)** – Success of the Molson Coors Brewing Co. brand; Boston Pizza’s new series of television advertisements

**Julian Barling (Business)** – Clinton as a contender for Democratic Party leader

Kingston Whig-Standard

**David Detomasi (Business)** – Rising price of gasoline in Kingston

**Simon Hesp (Chemistry)** – Asphalt binders and paved roads

**Ian Janssen (School of Kinesiology and Health Studies)** – Statistics Canada report on height and weight misrepresentation, also on CTV Canada AM and CTV News Toronto

**Gerald Tulchinsky (History)** – His book *Canada’s Jews: A People’s Journey*

**Steve Salterio (Business)** – Award for not-for-profit groups that demonstrate outstanding financial reporting practices

**Shelley Arnott (Biology)** – Spread of the spiny water flea in Ontario lakes, also on Global-TV’s morning news and CBC-Radio’s Ontario Morning

**David Lyon (Sociology)** – Investigating how people are being watched by public and private organizations

TV

**James Miller (Religious Studies)** – China’s historic struggle with nature on CTV’s Canada AM, Newsnet, and National News at 6

**Bev Baines (Law)** – Polygamy and the law on TVO’s The Agenda

CBC

**Roumen Milev (Psychiatry)** – Electroshock therapy as treatment for depression in seniors on CBC syndicated radio in Corner Brook, Windsor, Ottawa, Gander, Yellowknife, Winnipeg, Thunder Bay, and on CBC-Radio Ontario Morning

**Preston Schiller (Urban and Regional Planning)** – Canadian Railway as a ‘green’ way to travel on CBC Radio’s Ontario Morning, and CBC syndicated radio in New Brunswick, Whitehorse, Thunder Bay, Sudbury, Winnipeg, and Windsor

Other

**Jacalyn Duffin (History of Medicine)** – The shift from symptoms to anatomical measurements in identifying sickness, in the New York Times



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## IN BRIEF

### Sexual Assault Prevention Month

May is Sexual Assault Prevention Month in the province of Ontario.

In a campus-wide communication, the offices of Human Rights, Campus Security, Health, Counseling and Disability Services, along with the Department of Environmental Health and Safety, are encouraging all members of the Queen's community to educate themselves about this devastating form of violence that affects the lives of many members of our community.

Statistics continue to confirm that women and girls are most likely to experience sexual violence – typically at the hands of men who are known to them.

Sexual violence in the workplace is another issue that is receiving greater attention; in 2004, Statistics Canada reported that 24 per cent of all physical assaults in the workplace involved sexual violence including unwanted/forced sexual touching, kissing, grabbing or intercourse.

It is also well established that women with disabilities, racialized women, First Nations women and members of gay, lesbian, bisexual and trans communities are often at greatest risk of being sexually assaulted.

Of particular note is a recent landmark case of sexual assault involving Lori Dupont, a nurse who was assaulted and died at work. This case has generated many changes in how organizations must address this issue. Details of her case can be found at [www.queensu.ca/humanrights/hreb/roundup%203/index.htm](http://www.queensu.ca/humanrights/hreb/roundup%203/index.htm)

Two fact sheets, one on workplace violence, Workplace Violence: What you can do about it ([www.queensu.ca/security/news/violence.html](http://www.queensu.ca/security/news/violence.html)) and one on Stalking: What you should know ([www.queensu.ca/humanrights/publications/antistalking.htm](http://www.queensu.ca/humanrights/publications/antistalking.htm)) may be helpful in alerting community members to potential violence in the workplace.



To inform us of your latest research findings or upcoming journal publications, call Senior Communications Officer Nancy Dorrance, 613-533-2869, or Communications Coordinator Lorinda Peterson, 613-533-3234.

## Thelma Fernando remembered for her kindness and generosity

*The following is from a tribute that Roberta Hamilton, a professor in the departments of Sociology and Women's Studies, delivered at Thelma Fernando's funeral.*

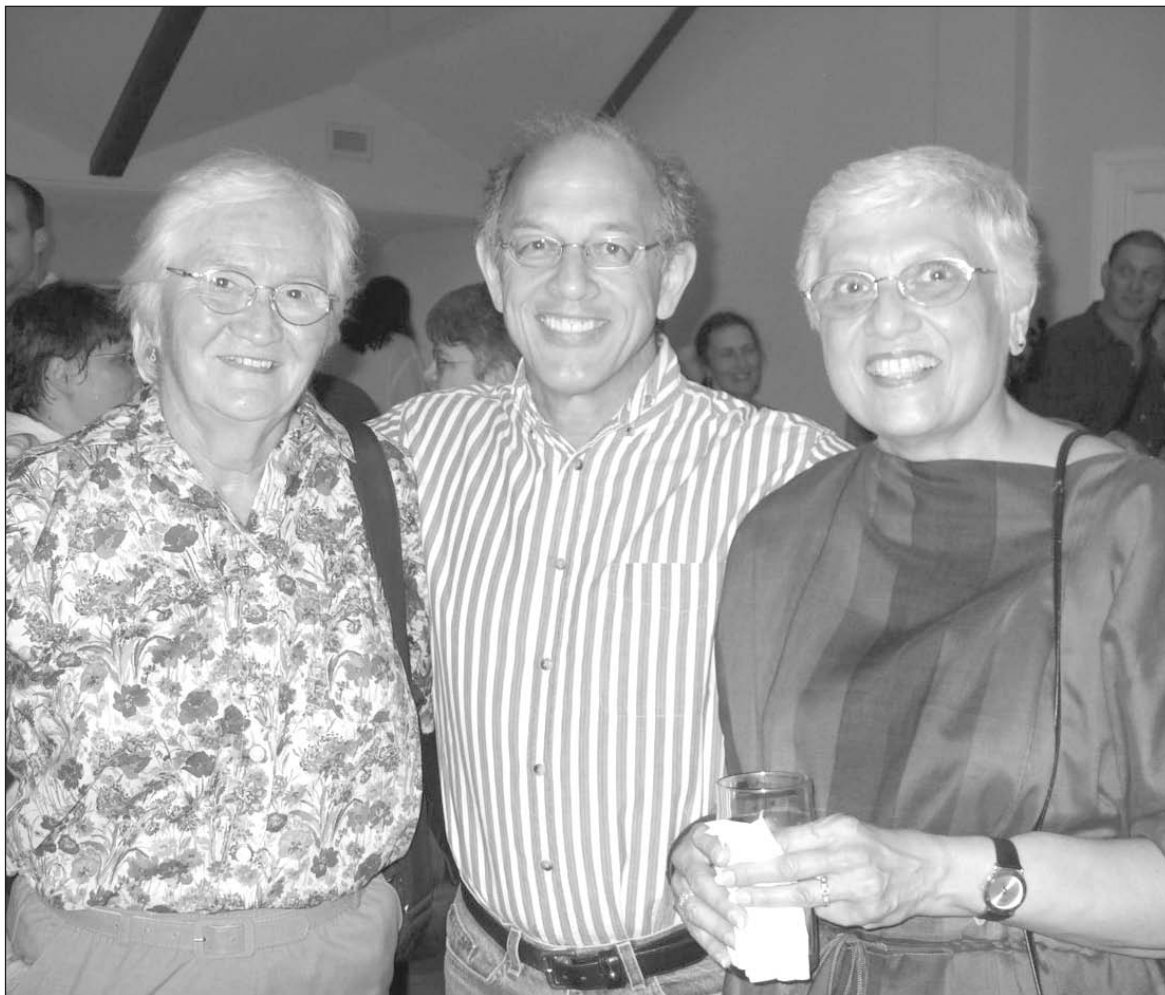
Long-time Reserve Room Librarian Thelma Fernando, who died Sunday, April 13, was liberal in her praise of those she loved. And the nicest thing that she could say of anyone was – and I am sure you have all heard her say this – was, “She is a lovely person.” With a heavy emphasis on the first syllable – a LUV-ly person.

I never much thought about what it meant to say of someone, “she is a lovely person.” But on the evening of the day she died, as I was thinking of her, those words came to my mind. “Thelma was a lovely person.” And then I knew what it meant. Gracious and kind; compassionate and thoughtful; never letting the little things go unnoticed. A few years ago, I hoped that my sister would move to Kingston. Thelma turned up at the house with pamphlets detailing all the services for the disabled; she came armed with real estate listings that mentioned accessibility; she offered to help in any way she could. When one of my grown children was initially diagnosed with a disease of the inner ear which was heartbreaking for him, she came with material on how such things might be cured or at least managed.

When our dog had to be put down, I was terribly sad. But as I was telling her this, I became somewhat embarrassed. Why was I going on like this – and to someone who had never owned a dog? So I stopped myself and said, “Oh Thelma, I should not go on this way; after all, Tuborg was just a dog.” There was a shocked silence on the other end of the line. Then she said, “Oh Roberta, Tuborg was NEVER just a dog.” And that made me feel all right – to be so sad at the death of a dog.

My friend Colin Leys introduced me to Thelma. He was always willing to share good things and he wanted to share Thelma. And so she would come to dinner, always armed with the best chocolate that she had picked up on her last trip to Europe. And a few weeks later, she would make dinner for us and other friends; truly delicious meals that were part of her Sri Lankan heritage; meals such as I will never have again.

All of the faculty who put books on reserve for their students knew her. She loved books, knew how to



Thelma Fernando on right, with Ann Turnbull and Rob Beamish at the Geoff Smith-John MacFarlane retirement party at the University Club in 2006. MELODY MONTE

look after them, and knew what it meant to have the books we needed when we needed them. She made our demands feel normal; she worked hard to ensure that they would be met. Occasionally, she would call. “Oh Roberta, you have two library books that are overdue.” She would name them. She would add that she had made things all right but that “we must bring them back right away.” And we would run, not walk those books back to the library.

In her last months at Fairfield Manor, we went book shopping three or four times. She picked up armfuls of books, mostly her favourite mystery writers. Eventually it became clear that she would not read those books, and so we stopped going to buy more. But until then, she read several books a week. All this reading and her travels kept her informed on what was happening in so much of the world.

She had a magnificent sense of humour that never forsook her.

Doctors, nurses, everyone, found themselves laughing at her jokes, even when things became difficult.

For 11 years after retirement from Queen's, she organized and ran the library at the Cancer Clinic. She was much loved there. When she had to leave her post, I heard from several people. It had never been the same either before or since as it was during her heyday. She observed people keenly, and she knew what to say. Many patients at the clinic were grateful to hear her calm words, her reassurance, her empathy. And she had high praise for all those who provided care at the clinic. She evoked such affection and loyalty that when she became sick, those who worked there became her friends, visiting, bringing her things, intervening on her behalf. And her friends discovered just how many friends she had; so many visitors; so many kind acts; so many who had experienced Thelma's legendary generosity.

When she realized that she had

cancer she knew what was in store. I didn't. I remained optimistic. She looked terrific, as beautiful as ever. I didn't believe that anything really bad would happen. She agreed to exhausting and painful treatments, even though she knew. And she did not go gentle into that good night. We all heard her rail against the circumstances that had brought her to this point. We know that she had many more things she wanted to do – trips to Australia, more opera, good dinners, hundreds of books, time with friends, and more community work.

But a few days before she died, she said to me: “I am glad that I came (to Canada); I worked hard and it was good.”

It was good. We'll miss her terribly. Not least because she brought out the best in ourselves. Who did not want Thelma to call them – at least once – a lovely person. We have been blessed by her presence. A strong, independent and empathic presence. A beautiful woman.



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## McMaster to honour former principal

By KAREN RICHARDSON  
Former Principal William Leggett will receive a Faculty of Science honorary degree at McMaster University's spring convocation on Tuesday, June 10 in Hamilton, Ont. He will receive his degree at Hamilton Place at 9:30 am.

Dr. Leggett, who served as principal and vice-chancellor from 1994 to 2004, is a professor emeritus in the Department of Biology.

"A good friend and presidential colleague once correctly noted that stepping down from the presidency or principalship of a university is something akin to death," Dr. Leggett says. "The hair and the fingernails continue to grow, but the telephone calls and emails drop off dramatically. Given this reality, it was a special surprise to be considered for an honorary degree by an institution of the stature of McMaster at this stage in my career. I am deeply honoured by their generous invitation and look forward to the event with great enthusiasm."

Honorary degree recipients are recognized for their contributions

in such areas as public service, education and scholarship, creative and performing arts, and for their work within the McMaster community.

Dr. Leggett is an international authority on the population dynamics of inland and ocean fish populations, and particularly on the coupling between physical processes in the sea and the dynamics of fish survival and migrations.

From 1989-1991, he headed a \$25-million Federal Centres of Excellence Program – the Ocean Production Enhancement Network (OPEN). He continues to direct a major research project in this area at Queen's. He has been widely recognized for his contributions to the advancement of his discipline through research, and for his academic and administrative leadership. He is particularly known for his contributions to teaching improvement, equity, and elaboration of the essential link between teaching and scholarship, and his support for the role of students in the life and work of universities.



William Leggett

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## IN BRIEF

### It's BBQ time

Mark your calendar – the annual Queen's Spring Barbecue takes place Tuesday, June 10 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm on Agnes Benidickson Field (rain location: Grant Hall).

### Health Sciences recognizes faculty members

Several faculty members have been recognized for their achievements in education, research and leadership under the new Professional Enhancement Recognition Program. They are David Goldstein (Anaesthesiology), Joshua Shadd (Palliative Care), Cori Schroder (Family Medicine), Rudolf Novak (OBGYN), Karen Schultz (Family Medicine), Christopher Frank (Geriatrics), Vladimir Kratky (Ophthalmology), Christine D'Arsigny (Respiratory and Critical Care), Jane Johnston (Nursing), Phil Hahn (OBGYN) and Roumen Milev (Psychiatry).

The program recognizes faculty who have shown commitment to the development of their education, research and leadership professional roles. The successful candidates were honoured by the Office of Faculty Development at an event on May 22.

Requirements are rated at three levels and include attendance at formal professional enhancement sessions, presentation of a non-clinical professional enhancement workshop or session at a local or national venue, presentation of a non-clinical project (oral presentation or poster) at a national meeting (examples: curriculum planning and development, literature review, etc) and a short essay on how attendance and presentations at these sessions impacted on the recipient's professional career as an educator, researcher, or leader.

Recipients were recognized with a framed plaque, registration and travel fee rebates to a conference on non-clinical professional development and two books from a flexible select list within the Office of Faculty Development.

## Students recognized for their civic responsibility

By ALISSA CLARK

Three students involved with fundraising, volunteer recruitment, and work with immigrant women and at-risk youth have been awarded 2008 Student Civic Responsibility Awards for their efforts.

This year's winners, Karen McNeil, Charlene Cooper and Cheryl Sutherland, are all master's students.

"The award highlights the extraordinary range of community-minded initiatives in which Queen's students are involved, year after year," says Patrick Deane, Vice Principal (Academic). "This year's winners testify to that range once again. As a group, our students are most admirable; as individuals, this year's winners are a great cause for pride."

The Office of the Vice-Principal (Academic) founded the Student Civic Responsibility Award last year as a means to celebrate exceptional students for initiatives that strengthen relationships between the city and the university.



Cooper

Nominations for this year's recipients came from both the university and the community. The \$2,500 award aims to highlight and reinforce the

heightened sense of community responsibility many Queen's students show each year in their work with area initiatives and local charities.

Ms. McNeil is being recognized for her involvement with the Kingston Aboriginal community and with AKWE: GO, an after-school program for at-risk youth at the Katarokwi Native Friendship Centre. In an effort to initiate an AKWE:GO Buddies program at the centre, she helped organize a volunteer recruitment campaign by advertising on the Queen's, St. Lawrence and Royal Military College campuses. Ms. McNeil also co-wrote a successful proposal for a



McNeil

Heart & Stroke Foundation of Ontario (HSFO) Advocacy Planning Grant for the AKWE:GO program. As co-chair of the Diversity Portfolio for the HSFO Kingston area

Mission Committee, she is attempting to document the diversity profile of Kingston and surrounding areas to ensure that community outreach strategies are meeting the specific needs of various cultural groups.

Ms. Cooper coordinated and hosted a Volunteer Appreciation Event for Queen's students and volunteers with disabilities from the Kingston community and supported the Kingston Special Olympics Basketball tournament through fundraising. She helped organize student participation in the Terry Fox Run and CIBC's Run for the Cure, was President of Ath-



Sutherland

letes in Action and participated in community events including blood donor clinics and the 30-hour Famine. She also created a program called Operation Christmas Child on campus on behalf of Rehabilitation Therapy students.

Ms. Sutherland is recognized for her master's fieldwork with immigrant women in Kingston and Peterborough. While particularly interested in how women's emotions and place were connected, she focused on the women's experiences after migration to map places of vulnerability in Kingston and Peterborough. Using a "photovoice" technique, participants took photographs that represented a series of different themes, including: safety, vulnerability, comfort, belonging, inclusion, and community.

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## For the Record

**Submission information**  
Appointment submissions will be edited to address style considerations and length. Submissions should be less than 200 words.

### Appointments

#### Academic Appointments

**Economics**  
James MacKinnon has been reappointed as Head of the Department of Economics for the period July 1, 2008 to June 30, 2013, to include one year of leave in 2009-10, as announced by Principal Tom Williams and Dean Alistair MacLean. A more detailed announcement may be read at [www.queensu.ca/artsci/appt/head.html](http://www.queensu.ca/artsci/appt/head.html).

#### Policy Studies

David Walker, Dean of the Faculty of Health Sciences, has been cross-appointed to the School of Policy Studies, Director Arthur Sweetman has announced. Dr. Walker is well-known to many in Policy Studies and has substantial knowledge in, among many others, the areas of public health and health policy. His main duties will continue to be in Health Sciences and this appointment is in addition to his roles there.

#### New Faculty Appointments

**Faculty of Health Sciences:**  
Aman S. Hussain, Medicine  
Maria Kalyvas, Oncology  
Timothy Holden, Psychiatry

#### Staff Appointments

(Posted May 9 and May 16 at [www.hr.queensu.ca](http://www.hr.queensu.ca))

General Office Assistant  
2008-067  
Civil Engineering  
Rosalia Monogas-Escobar

Fees and Financial Coordinator  
2008-031  
Office of the University Registrar  
Terry Gratto (Stauffer Library)

Groundswoker  
2008-052A  
Physical Plant Services  
Tom Locke (Physical Plant Services)

Groundswoker  
2008-052B  
Physical Plant Services  
Keith Frost (Physical Plant Services)

Groundswoker  
2008-052C  
Physical Plant Services  
Kevin Kellar (Physical Plant Services)

Manager, Finance and Administration  
2008-059  
School of Graduate Studies and Research  
Linda Lam (Financial Services)

Network Communications Technician  
2008-079  
Information Technology Services  
Darrell Snider

Coordinator, Residence Community Development  
2008-054  
University Residences  
Claire Hooker (University Residences)

Network Communications Technician  
2008-080  
Information Technology Services  
Ken Glover (Campus Telecommunications and Networks)

### Awards and Grants

#### Chancellor Richardson Memorial Fund – call for applications

The Advisory Committee of the Chancellor Richardson Memorial Fund (CRMF) invites departments and other Queen's agencies involved in the study of Canada, to submit proposals in support of the purchase of Canadiana teaching and research materials. For details on these acquisitions and the Opportunity Fund contact Brian Osborne, chair of the advisory committee, [osborneb@queensu.ca](mailto:osborneb@queensu.ca). Visit [adv.queensu.ca/richardson/guidelines.php](http://adv.queensu.ca/richardson/guidelines.php) for more information on submitting an application. Funding proposals may be submitted to Kathy O'Brien, Secretary of the CRMF Fund, Office of the Vice-Principal (Academic), Room 120, Dunning Hall or via email to [kathy.obrien@queensu.ca](mailto:kathy.obrien@queensu.ca) by Monday, June 2.

### Convocation

Faculty invitation to spring convocation ceremonies 2008 in Grant Hall.

#### Monday, May 26

9:30 am  
**Faculty of Applied Science** (Chemical Engineering, Electrical and Computer Engineering)  
**Installation of Thomas R. Williams as 19th Principal and Vice-Chancellor of Queen's University.**  
Guest Speaker: **Thomas Harris**

2:30 pm  
**Faculty of Applied Science** (Geological Engineering, Mechanical and Materials Engineering, Design and Manufacturing, Mining Engineering)  
Honorary Graduand:  
**Bert Wasmund, DSc**

#### Tuesday, May 27

9:30 am.  
**Faculty of Education**  
Guest Speaker: **Sean Conway**

2:30 pm  
**Faculty of Education**  
Honorary Graduand:  
**Marilyn McHarg, LLD**

#### Wednesday, May 28

2:30 pm  
**Faculty of Health Sciences**  
Honorary Graduand:  
**Phil Nuytten, DSc**

#### Thursday, May 29

9:30 am  
**School of Graduate Studies and Research**  
**Faculty of Applied Science** (Civil Engineering, Physics, Engineering Physics and Astronomy, Mathematics and Engineering)  
Guest Speaker: **Anthony Hodge**

2:30 pm  
**School of Business** (BCom)  
Honorary Graduands:  
**Galen Weston, LLD and Hilary Weston, LLD**

#### Friday, May 30

9:30 am  
**School of Business** (MBA)  
Guest Speaker: **Jerry del Missier**

2:30 pm  
**Industrial Relations, Policy Studies, Urban & Regional Planning, Business** (PhD, MSc, MIR, MPA, MPL, MBA)  
Guest Speaker: **James Leech**

#### Monday, June 2

9:30 am  
**Faculty of Arts & Science** (Art, Drama, Drama/Film, Film and Media, Music)  
Honorary Graduand:  
**Albert Schultz, LLD**

2:30 pm  
**Faculty of Arts & Science** (English Language & Literature, English Language & Literature/History, English/History/Classics/ Philosophy, History)  
Guest Speaker: **Donald Akenson**

#### Tuesday, June 3

9:30 am  
**Faculty of Arts & Science** (Classics, Computing, Computing/Psychology, French Studies, German, Jewish Studies, Linguistics, Philosophy, Religious Studies, Spanish and Italian, Women's Studies)  
Guest Speaker: **Alistair Macleod**

2:30 pm  
**Faculty of Arts & Science** (Canadian Studies, Economics, Political Studies)

Honorary Graduand:  
**Tom Kent, LLD**

#### Wednesday, June 4

9:30 am  
**Faculty of Arts & Science** (Global Development Studies, Psychology, Sociology)  
Guest Speaker: **Vincent Sacco**

2:30 pm  
**Faculty of Arts & Science** (Biology, Environmental Studies)  
Guest Speaker: **John Smol**

#### Thursday, June 5

9:30 am  
**Faculty of Arts & Science** (Chemistry, Geography, Geological Sciences, Mathematics and Statistics, Physics)  
Guest Speaker: **Brian Osborne**

2:30 pm  
**Faculty of Arts & Science** (Anatomy and Cell Biology, Community Health & Epidemiology, Life Sciences, Microbiology and Immunology, Neuroscience, Pathology and Molecular Medicine, Pharmacology and Toxicology, Physiology)  
Honorary Graduand:  
**Alexander McCall Smith, LLD**

#### Friday, June 6

9:30 am  
**Faculty of Arts & Science** (Biochemistry, Kinesiology and Health Studies)  
Honorary Graduand:  
**Jean Béliveau, LLD**

2:30 pm  
**Faculty of Law**  
Honorary Graduand:  
**Daniel Soberman, LLD**

**Assembly:** The academic procession will assemble in the Red Room in Kingston Hall (located on the second

level) 30 minutes before convocation times. If you will be joining the academic procession, please complete the online form at [www.queensu.ca/secretariat/convocation/RSVPform.html](http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/convocation/RSVPform.html) so that sufficient seats may be reserved. Contact Janet Cowperthwaite at [cowperth@queensu.ca](mailto:cowperth@queensu.ca), ext. 77927.

Those needing a hood or gown should make arrangements with the Alma Mater Society 30 minutes before each ceremony. Please present your faculty card for identification. Receptions: All receptions are the responsibility of the faculty or school concerned. You are encouraged to attend these functions and meet with the graduands and their families.

### Human Resources

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### Staff job postings


For staff job postings, visit [www.hr.queensu.ca](http://www.hr.queensu.ca). The site is updated weekly on Fridays.

### In Memoriam


**Richard Allan**, Athletics Department, March 28. Queen's community member since July 17, 1967.

**Milton Suboski**, Department of Psychology, April 5. Queen's community member since Sept. 1, 1965.

**John Ramlochand**, Film and Media Studies, April 10. Queen's community member since Sept. 1, 2003.




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ISSUE DATE	EDITORIAL DEADLINE (Monday noon)
<b>2008</b>	
Monday, Sept. 8	(Aug. 29 - Friday)
Monday, Sept. 22	(Sept. 15)
Tuesday, Oct. 14	(Oct. 6)
Monday, Oct. 27	(Oct. 20)
Monday, Nov. 10	(Nov. 3)
Monday, Nov. 24	(Nov. 17)
Monday, Dec. 8	(Dec. 1)
<b>2009</b>	
Monday, Jan. 12	(Jan. 5)
Monday, Jan. 26	(Jan. 19)
Monday, Feb. 9	(Feb. 2)
Monday, Feb. 23	(Feb. 13 - Friday)
Monday, March 9	(March 2)
Monday, March 23	(March 16)
Monday, April 13	(April 6)
Monday, April 27	(April 20)
Monday, May 11	(May 4)
Monday, May 25	(May 18)
Monday, June 15	(June 9)

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**Marion Legault**, Donald Gordon Centre, April 12. Queen's community member since Sept. 15, 1971.

**Thelma Fernando**, Stauffer Library, April 13. Queen's community member since Feb. 24, 1969.

**William P. Irvine**, Department of Political Studies, April 23. Queen's community member since July 1, 1969.

**George Vitaj**, Physical Plant Services, April 28. Queen's community member since Nov. 11, 1960.

**George A. Southall**, Health Sciences office of Education, May 4. Queen's community member since July 1, 1970.

**Julia G. C. Kempffer**, The Writing Centre, May 4. Queen's community member since Sept. 1, 1988.

## Nominations

**Honorary degree nominations, 2009**  
The Senate Committee on Honorary Degrees invites nominations for the award of honorary degree at the 2009 Convocations. The deadline is Friday, Aug. 8. Information and nomination forms are available at [www.queensu.ca/secretariat/HonDegree.html](http://www.queensu.ca/secretariat/HonDegree.html)

## Calendar

Unless specified, all events are free. For a comprehensive listing of campus events, visit [events.calendar.queensu.ca](http://events.calendar.queensu.ca)

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## Submission Information

The deadline for the June 9 issue (new June date) is at noon on Monday, June 2. This is also the last issue of the Gazette until Monday, Sept. 8 (deadline Friday, Aug. 30 at noon). Email submissions to [gazette@queensu.ca](mailto:gazette@queensu.ca) in the following format: **Date, department, speaker's name, affiliation, title, location, time.** Please spell out acronyms. Those with information about accessibility needs are encouraged to include details when they submit an event for publication. **For news and information between issues, visit [www.queensu.ca/newscentre](http://www.queensu.ca/newscentre).**

## Lectures and Events

### Monday, June 2

**Cycle Kingston Roll-in Breakfast**  
Free breakfast for cyclists in honour of bike week. Stauffer Library, 7-9 am. Info: Jennifer Foote, Cycle Kingston, 613-453-0440.

### Thursday, June 5

**Retirement reception**  
Executive Director of Housing David J. Wright retires after 40 years of service (Apartment and Housing Service). The University Club

## Ongoing events

### Agnes Etherington Art Centre

University Avenue at Bader Lane. Adults \$4, seniors \$2.50, Gallery Association members, students and children free. Free admission Thursdays and holiday Mondays. Thursday tour on June 19, 45 minutes, 12:15 pm.

### Exhibitions

The Art Collection Society of Kingston: Historical Feature Gallery. To Aug. 10.

Propitious Moments: Selections from the Heritage Quilt Collection. Fraser Elliott Gallery. To Aug. 10.

Carole Condé and Karl Beveridge: Working Culture. The Davies Foundation, Contemporary Feature, and Frances K. Smith Galleries. To June 8.

Dramatic Turns: Narratives of Change in European Painting.

Bader Gallery. To Dec. 29.

Ere Ibeji: Twin Figures of the Yoruba. African Gallery. To Sept. 21. Work in Progress banners: The history of women's work since 1895. Carole Condé and Karl Beveridge: South-side lamp posts on Union Street between University Avenue and Barrie Street. To June. [www.aeac.ca](http://www.aeac.ca)

### Union Gallery

Stauffer Library, first floor.

**Main Gallery:** Void, an exhibition of digitally produced photographic collages by Toronto artist Sue Lloyd.

**Project Room:** salacious invitations, a video and audio installation by Kingston artist Benjamin Tollestrup. To July 4. Reception to meet artists on Saturday, May 31 from 6-8 pm. [uniongallery.queensu.ca](http://uniongallery.queensu.ca)

(168 Stuart Street), 4-6 pm. All welcome. Hosted by Associate Vice-Principal and Dean of Student Affairs Jason Laker.

### Monday, June 9

**Retirement reception**  
Steve Cutway, Information Access Specialist (IT Services) and former CFRC Station Manager. The University Club (168 Stuart Street), 3:30 - 5 pm.

### Tuesday, June 10

**Queen's Spring Barbecue**  
Agnes Benidickson Field (behind Grant Hall) Rain location: Grant Hall. 11:30 am - 1:30 pm.

### Tuesday, June 17

**Retirement reception**  
William Closson James, professor of Religion and Literature Religious Studies, retires June 30 after a career spanning nearly 40 years. University Club, 3-5 pm. Reception is open to public.

### Thursday, June 19

**ELORIN Breakfast Series**  
Leonard Lee, Queen's alumnus (Arts'63), Canica Design Inc. and Lee Valley Tools. Sustaining Innovation in Difficult Times. Radisson Harbourfront Kingston, 7:15 am - 9 am. To register or for details call 613-533-3300 ext. 3, email [info@elorin.ca](mailto:info@elorin.ca) or visit <http://elorin.ca>

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## IN BRIEF

### Nursing school nomination leads to award

Queen's School of Nursing nominated Kingston General Hospital (KGH) as a great place to study - and that nomination has resulted in a provincial award for the teaching hospital.

The 2008 Agency Recognition Award for Excellence in Supporting Nursing Education from the Council of Ontario University Programs in Nursing acknowledges the efforts of KGH registered nurses and other health-care professionals in providing ongoing support of nursing students' learning. The School of Nursing nominated KGH for the award for several formal and informal learning initiatives including mentorship of students and a positive professional practice culture.

"Nurses and other health-care professionals at all levels have embraced the educational mandate of teaching hospitals and integrate it into their everyday practice," says Cynthia Baker, director of the School of Nursing and Associate Dean of Health Sciences at Queen's. "Teaching, mentoring and supporting learning among future nurses is an ingrained part of the nursing role at KGH."

Additional collaborations between the hospital and the school such as a joint visiting scholar program and an annual research day also support ongoing learning and evidence-based practice of undergraduate and graduate students. Ensuring tomorrow's nurses achieve the highest level of hands-on learning also benefits patients and caregivers at KGH.

"As a teaching hospital, our goal is to foster a mutually supportive relationship and an environment that fosters teaching and learning and allows us to remain at the forefront of patient care, professional excellence and health-related research," says Chief Nursing Executive and Senior Vice-President of Patient Care Programs Eleanor Rivoire. "We are all delighted that our colleagues at Queen's have expressed such high regard for our ongoing efforts to ensure that nursing students receive the very best start here at KGH."

[www.kgh.on.ca](http://www.kgh.on.ca)

### Tours bring KGH history to life

Hear about pandemics, politics and prisoners-of-war in The Astonishing Past of Kingston General Hospital (KGH), a guided walking tour of this national historic site.

From the site of the first seat of The United Province of Canada, to charity hospital with a staff of two, to the Christmas fire of 1897, learn the fascinating story of the tumultuous early years of the Queen's-affiliated teaching hospital.

Offered at 11 am, 1 pm and 3 pm, Tuesday through Sunday, these eye-opening, 60-minute guided tours of the grounds and historic buildings of KGH are presented by the Museum of Health Care. They began last Saturday and run until Sunday, Aug. 31. Tours depart from the Museum of Health Care in the Ann Baillie Building at 32 George St., just south of Queen's campus.

Tickets are \$5 (discounts for large groups) and free for children 14 and under. No appointment is necessary, except for groups of six or more. French-language tours, virtual tours (for those with limited mobility), and child-friendly tours are also available by appointment. For details, email [tour@kgh.kari.net](mailto:tour@kgh.kari.net) or call 613-548-2419.



Former Queen's student Erika Olson won the first/grand prize for A Portrait of Modern Science (left) in the Kingston Arts Council's Seventh Annual Juried Art Salon. Dave Gordon, who has taught fine art at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre, won third prize for Chicken Weather.

## This win was the icing on the cake

### FORMER STUDENT, ART INSTRUCTOR AMONG ARTS COUNCIL WINNERS

By KAREN RICHARDSON

Decadence, sin and overindulgence was the theme of a former Queen's student's winning painting in the Kingston Arts Council's Seventh Annual Juried Art Salon. This year's competition attracted 200 submissions from 80 area artists. An exhibition of the winning works runs until the end of May in the Wilson Room of the Kingston Public Library.

Erika Olson won first/grand prize for A Portrait of Modern

Science, an oil-on-canvas painting of a chocolate éclair, part of a series she calls "Lick my Culture."

Former Queen's fine arts instructor Dave Gordon won third prize for Chicken Weather, a humorous painting featuring fowl-shaped clouds. Mr. Gordon has also taught courses at the Agnes Etherington Art Centre.

Desserts with whipped cream or icing seem very "paintable" to Ms. Olson and represent "a certain decadence found in our society," she says.

"Desserts, especially cakes, hold an important role in our culture. They are often associated with sin and overindulgence," she says, referring to cafés and shops featuring

cakes with names such as Strawberry Temptation or Death by Chocolate. The painting got its name because the éclair didn't go bad - and it still has not, says Ms. Olson.

"This illustrates that the mass-produced dessert is not food at all."

Ms. Olson studied in the Bachelor of Fine Art program at Queen's, then transferred and graduated from Concordia University. She is currently working "en plein air" and enlarging studies taken from the field.

Adjudicators Jocelyn Purdie from Queen's Union Gallery and Mary Sue Rankin from the Edward Day Gallery in Toronto viewed art works in all mediums and chose 43

works that demonstrated a high level of accomplishment and creative exploration.

Ms. Purdie sees the exhibition as a reflection of the diverse range of artistic production in the Kingston area.

Other winners were Sean Morris (second prize) for Communication, Scott Walker (fourth) for Nancy and Laurie Sponagle (fifth), for Compulsion.

Sarah Gabova won the Hilary Scanlon Prize for Best Use of Colour, for Sunrise. The Most Creative Use of Materials Award went to Andrea Graham, for Liberatio Captivus. June Anderson won Nan's Legacy Award for Bearded Chicken.

### FOLLOWING THE SUN



STEPHEN WILD

A model solar car designed by Bayridge Secondary School students (on left) races against one built by Port Credit Secondary School students in a heat at the recent SolarQuest 2008 Annual Model Solar Car Challenge, hosted by the Queen's University Solar Vehicle Team at City Park. Port Credit won the heat at the competition, designed to provide students with an opportunity to experience engineering and technology first-hand.